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GREY CUP FACEOFF

Metro's Emina Gamulin faces down her mirror image as she sports the logos of the Toronto Argonauts and the Calgary Stampeders. The two teams will battle for the CFL championship on Sunday. Extended coverage of the 100th Grey Cup begins on page 74. FACE PAINTING: NATASHA KUDASHKINA; PHOTOS AND PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

Missing father found dead

Police say three people will likely be facing first-degree murder charges in relation to Ryan Lane's death PAGE 2

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Staff Sgt. Grant Miller speaks Thursday about the discovery of the remains of missing Calgary man, Ryan Lane, seen in the inset photo.
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Remains of missing Calgary man found

Grisly discovery.

After nine months of searching, police finally confirm that missing father Ryan Lane is indeed dead

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Police have located the skeletal remains of Ryan Lane, a Calgary man who had been missing since February.

Although police remain tight-lipped on the details of where and when the remains were found, they believe he was the victim of foul play.

The death of the 24-year-old father has been declared

Details

- **17th.** Lane's death marks Calgary's 17th homicide of 2012, according to police.
- **Custody.** Police previously stated Lane's disappearance

could be connected to a custody battle.

- **Charges.** No timeline was given to when charges are expected to be laid.

a homicide.

"We believe this incident is a targeted attack; it is not a random attack," said Staff Sgt. Grant Miller, with the Calgary Police Service's Homicide Unit.

"I think at this point our search is completed."

Miller said Lane's remains are not connected to human remains — believed to be those of a Caucasian male between the ages of 18 to 30 — found Oct. 13 near Cochrane.

"This is not in any way related to the remains that were found in Cochrane," he said.

Miller said three people will likely be facing first-degree murder charges in relation to Lane's death — two men and one woman.

He would not comment on the connection between the suspects and Lane, but said all three suspects have been uncooperative in the investigation.

Currently, none of the sus-

pects are in custody.

Lane was last seen on Feb. 7, 2012 near the 5200 block of Country Hills Boulevard N.W.

Police, with the help of numerous volunteers, launched an unprecedented search for Lane in May, combing over 10,000 acres of land west of Beiseker.

Lane's family will be speaking publicly on Friday, Miller said. He hesitated to speak in detail on their behalf, but said they are experiencing a range of emotions. "I think that they are relieved, encouraged, disappointed, all emotions like that," said Miller.

Police are still asking anyone with any information about Lane's death to come forward by contacting the Calgary Police Service directly or by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Choking hazard

Two-year-old strangled by drapery cord

Police have confirmed the death of a two-year-old boy from the community of Discovery Ridge to be accidental.

An autopsy conducted on the child Thursday determined the cause of death to be strangulation from a cord on a set of window blinds.

EMS were called to the home Wednesday around noon, where the boy was found unresponsive. He was transported to the Alberta Children's Hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased.

Ryan Collyer, an emergency services spokesman, says the death is tragic and caregivers must ensure that drapery cords don't become a choking hazard for small children.

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Quebec-Alberta

Premiers agree to consider shipping oil to Eastern Canada

The premiers of Alberta and Quebec concluded a meeting late Thursday in Halifax, agreeing to consider shipping oil to Eastern Canada.

Alberta Premier Alison Redford says her province and Quebec will set up working groups to explore the economic opportunities and possible environmental effects of the project.

Quebec Premier Pauline Marois says she will travel to Alberta to discuss the development further.

The plan would reverse the flow of an existing pipeline to bring Alberta oil to customers in the eastern half of Canada.

The project is being reviewed by the National Energy Board.

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Key issues in Calgary Centre depend on point of view

Byelection.

Candidates present divergent opinions on what matters to diverse Calgary Centre constituency.



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What matters most to voters of Calgary Centre?

That depends on which candidate you ask.

Conservative Joan Crockatt said her campaign has visited more than 11,000 homes in the riding and one issue trumps all others.

"The economy is very definitely the No. 1 issue that we've heard from people at the doors, consistently," Crockatt told Metro. "They realize that we're in a global fiscal difficulty and that we need to make sure to keep the economy of Canada

and Alberta strong."

Liberal candidate Harvey Locke, meanwhile, believes it's more complex than that.

"The Conservatives have said this election is about the economy only. I don't think Calgarians are that one-dimensional," he said.

Locke believes Calgary Centre voters are, by and large, "fiscally prudent, socially progressive and environmentally responsible."

"I use the phrase 'entrepreneurial progressive' to describe that," he said.

In NDP candidate Dan Meades' view, government transparency — or the lack thereof — remains one of the key issues in the byelection campaign. "What we're hearing about how frustrated the people of Calgary Centre are with the Conservative government," he said. "They're just so frustrated by a party that seems content, if not eager, to hide things from the electorate."

As examples, Meades point-

Details

The Calgary Centre byelection is Monday, Nov. 26. Polls will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

ed to the government's use of massive omnibus bills and its decision to delay a decision on the proposed purchase of Nexen by a Chinese state oil company until after the byelection.

"Let's remember, this byelection is in a riding where thousands of jobs are at stake because of that decision," he said.

Green-party candidate Chris Turner believes riding residents see the byelection as an opportunity "to send a message" to Ottawa about issues facing Calgary.

"So in my campaign, we're talking about a national transit strategy, more stable funding for transit, and dealing with the infrastructure deficit," Turner said.



The four major candidates in Calgary Centre's byelection gave Metro vastly different answers when asked what the key issues in the campaign are. Clockwise from top left: Conservative Joan Crockatt, Liberal Harvey Locke, Dan Meades of the NDP, and Chris Turner of the Green party. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Beaten Russian student still in hospital



Elena Romanova holds a picture of her injured brother Denis Telyakov. Beside her is Russian Federation consul general Vladimir Pavlov, who travelled from Toronto to visit Telyakov in a Calgary hospital in October. METRO FILE

Denis Telyakov, the Russian student who was severely beaten at the Calgary Remand Centre this summer, remains in hospital but is showing some signs of recovery, according to a lawyer for his family.

"His condition has improved somewhat — marginally, at best," said Elmer Chiu, who was hired by Telyakov's sister Elena Romanova.

"My understanding from Elena is that he is actually able to do more than just squeezing the hand now," Chiu said.

As for the question of who's paying for his hospital stay, Chiu said, "There is still no formal agreement" but the family has not been billed. "It looks like the government is fronting it right now," Chiu said.

A spokesperson for Alberta

Justice told Metro the department is not responsible for the health care of inmates no longer in custody.

Telyakov was arrested Aug. 18 for allegedly uttering threats but that charge was stayed on Sept. 18.

An Alberta Justice investigation into the jailhouse attack is still underway.

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Long recovery

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Markets and miseltoe

Box stores and shopping malls are fine if you want to buy the same gifts as everyone else and completely stress yourself out. But if you're looking for Christmas presents that are little more unique, 'tis the season for arts-and-crafts fairs and holiday markets. Metro looks at five Christmas markets worth checking out.

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1 ACAD Christmas Show and Sale

There are few better Christmas fairs to find unique gifts for the art lover on your list than the Alberta College of Art and Design's annual holiday sale. Some of ACAD's best students will be selling their work in art, craft and design. Guided tours of the studios and student exhibitions will also be offered. Nov. 23-24. acad.ca



2 International Christmas Market

The International Market at Spruce Meadows is the closest thing Calgary has to a European-style Christmas market. The market boasts around 200 exhibitors, as well as live music, dance performances, a petting farm, pony rides and delicious international cuisine. Nov. 23-25. sprucemeadows.com



3 Distinctly Nanton Christmas Market

If you don't mind a little road trip, Nanton's holiday market is worth the 40-minute drive south of Calgary. Distinctive local items and a charming small-town vibe makes it stand out from other Christmas craft fairs. The fourth annual festival takes place at the Nanton Community Centre from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Nov. 24.



4 Market Collective

This hip monthly market at the old Ant Hill Fabrics building in Kensington is a great place to find unique gifts of art, cool trinkets and vintage clothing sold by local artists and designers. Though Market Collective was supposed to run for three week-ends in December, issues with the Kensington BRZ mean they might only get Dec. 1-2. marketcollective.ca



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5 Festival of Crafts

Another long-running Christmas shopping tradition, the Festival of Crafts Art & Craft Sale has been a staple of the holiday season for 25 years. You can find everything from exquisite handmade jewelry and funky winter hats to charming home designs and high-quality artwork at the craft festival, which takes place over four days at the BMO Centre at the Stampede Grounds. Nov. 29 to Dec. 2. festivalofcrafts.ca



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The Distillery unhappy with eviction

Tension. Issues between landlords and property owners lead to surprise eviction notice for The Distillery and Quincy's

Owners of a popular downtown music venue have been left scrambling for a new location after being served with a surprise eviction notice last week. Staff at The Distillery, located next to the 7 Avenue and 5 Street S.W. C-Train platform, were told they would have to vacate the premise by 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 30.

The bar broke the news to patrons in an Instagram posting Wednesday night, saying the eviction was through no fault of The Distillery, but rather the result of landlords, The THL Group, being sued by the building's property owners Manulife for breaches of lease.

Co-owner and manager

Sean Close says he became aware of the issues between THL and Manulife about six weeks ago and was anticipating a possible relocation.

"We thought we had until at least January to move," he says. "So we were absolutely shocked when we got the eviction notice and learned the landlords weren't actually supposed to have us in the building."

Co-owner Philly Roach says although he's gutted by the lease termination he's also encouraged by the support he's received from the local music and underground-arts communities.

"The Calgary Folk Festival has extended a hand to help us by letting us use their new space, which is incredibly generous," he says. "The outpouring of community help that we're getting is amazing."

THL Group could not be reached for comment and a spokesperson for Manulife said the company does not comment on matters that are before the courts. **LISA WILTON/METRO**

Future

- **Entertainment.** The Distillery is best known for hosting punk, metal and hip-hop gigs as well as burlesque and comedy shows.
- **Quincy's.** The Distillery's upstairs neighbour, Quincy's on Seventh, was also handed an eviction notice last week. However, a manager, who declined to be named, says the restaurant's owners are hoping to work out a new lease agreement.
- **Moving.** Owners say they have received support from the local music community and are trying to find a new space as soon as possible.

New voting rules for Alberta students welcomed by leaders

Groups representing university students across the province are welcoming changes that will allow them to vote where they live at school or the riding they call home.

Dustin Zuidhof is a 22-year-old finishing his fifth year of studies at the University of Alberta. He voted provincially for the first time in last April's election and was only allowed to vote in the Edmonton riding where his parents live.

It wouldn't have mattered if he lived in residence or was studying in Calgary or Lethbridge — Zuidhof could have

only voted for an MLA in his family's neighbourhood, and that didn't sit well with him.

"My life is affected by where I'm living, where I study and work, so it only makes sense to be able to vote there," said Zuidhof.

For Council of Alberta University Students executive director Duncan Wojtaszek, the change is a long time coming. He said that in April, a pledge-to-vote campaign at campuses across Alberta caused frustration when dozens of students were turned away at the polls due to the restrictive law.



Council of Alberta University Students executive director Duncan Wojtaszek stands in the HUB mall residence at the University of Alberta. **LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO**

"It was tantamount to disenfranchisement," said Wojtaszek, calling the amendment much anticipated and a dramatic improvement. "Most will only discover it when the

next election happens four years from now. A good portion of students will have moved on, but it will be of benefit to those that follow."

LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

Sorry grandma, but I'm casting my (hypothetical) vote for the Greens



IN DEFENCE OF
Mike Morrison
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For this week's column, I was going to write about the Grey Cup (Go Stamps!) or the ever-missed Santa Claus parade. But the Calgary Centre byelection was never far from my mind.

It was just a few weeks ago that I wrote about the burgeoning campaign, which has since blown up with Twitter wars, national headlines and a possible end to the Conservative reign. It's hard to ignore a potentially historic election, even if my T2N postal code keeps me from voting in it.

Byelections aren't like regular elections. Potential voters aren't picking a prime minister; they're deciding on what mes-

sage to send Ottawa. With the race shockingly close, I can't help but weigh in and play pretend voter.

I'm often mistaken for someone who's forever against the Conservatives. The truth is, at some point in my life, I've voted for every party. My grandmother is a staunch Conservative and more often than not, she's able to convince me of why Canada needs such a government. But she'll never convince me that we need Joan Crockatt.

In one interview, Crockatt, an avid Wild Rose supporter, was quoted as saying, "To me, the job is to support the Prime Minister in whatever way that he thinks." A shocking statement, considering that many of Crockatt's 10,000 plus Tweets, are often criticisms of others. In fact, as a political pundit,

Crockatt was actually paid to have an opinion. But now, as an elected official, it would seem that she doesn't think having a Calgary-specific opinion to be important. Not the message I'm interested in sending.

I consider Dan Meades a friend and, over the years, his contribution to the city to be invaluable. However, with the NDP polling so low, strategically my hypothetical vote would have to go to someone else. That being said, I do hope that Meades someday runs for city council or provincial politics. Calgary needs him.

A vote for Harvey Locke is an endorsement of the Liberal party, which is still scrambling after last year's election disaster. I think they still have some work to do.

After a lot of research and reading, I know now that my

pretend vote would go to the Green Party's Chris Turner.

No, not because he wrote a book about the Simpsons. (Okay, maybe I little bit.) But rather because his message is the exact message we should be sending to Prime Minister Stephen Harper. We are our own city, we have unique concerns and most importantly, we need someone who represents the city and not just the best interests of their boss.

Strategic voting will play a role in the results, as will the risk of the progressive vote being split between Turner and Locke. Calgary-Centre voters must unite behind the choice that is both strategic and logical, and that's Chris Turner.

Sorry granny.

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Woman hopes to see 'figure kiting' take off



Banff resident Meagan Stewart demonstrates figure kiting — a sport she's pioneered. COURTESY OF PATRICK BENNETT

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Figure skater who always wanted to get more height on her jumps finds an innovative way to do it



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When Meagan Stewart was a young figure skater, she couldn't quite reach the heights she dreamed of.

Now, years later, she's found a way to get off the ice.

The 30-year-old outdoor enthusiast from Banff said when she was younger, she read a book about a figure skater with wings, and the story always stuck with her.

"That kind of stuck with me — that, and an obsession with wanting to gain more height," she said. "I couldn't have been further from doing that. Height was my biggest problem as a figure skater."

Stewart is hoping a sport she's pioneered known as figure kiting takes flight as well.

The name is fairly self-ex-

planatory, according to Stewart, and involves a frozen lake, a pair of figure skates, a harness and a large kite.

"This started as a joke. It was an idea of sequin-covered harnesses, and figure skaters with kites," she said. "We started joking about figure kiting, and then we actually went out on the lake to try it. That's when it stopped being a joke."

As colder temperatures approach, Stewart said she's waiting for the lakes around Banff to freeze so she can practise her figure kiting skills, and possibly draw some more attention to her new-

found hobby.

"I'd like to get something short, maybe a YouTube clip, out there as a way of reaching people who may have interest in participating in the sport. And also because it will be hilarious," she joked.

Ready to soar?

Stewart is encouraging anyone interested in figure kiting to contact her on Twitter @mountainmegs, or through her blog at mountainmegs.tumblr.com.

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YYC Coats for NYC Folks. Calgarian collecting coats for Sandy victims

One Calgary man is on a mission to ensure those left in the cold after Superstorm Sandy are warm for the winter, starting an initiative he's dubbed YYC Coats for NYC Folks.

David Wald said after the storm hit, he immediately wanted to help, but it wasn't until the winter weather began rolling in that he realized the need for jackets.

"I discovered this organization called New York Cares, and they do an annual coat drive," he said. "This year, because of the storm, they're looking for more coats than ever."

Wald said he's hoping to

collect 500 coats for men, women and children of all ages before Nov. 30 to send to the New York and New Jersey area.

He added he's been working with New York Cares and learned they are hoping to collect 200,000 coats before the end of December.

"We live in Calgary. Everyone's got a winter coat in their closet that they don't use anymore," he said. "I thought let's gather those up ... and ship them down."

Wald said he's still hoping to secure a shipping partner or a donation that would help him get the coats to New York Cares. **KATIE TURNER/METRO**

Where to make a donation



- Those who want to get involved or are looking for more information can visit the YYC Coats for NYC Folks Facebook

page: facebook.com/YYCcoatsForNYCFolks

- Gently used or new winter wear can be donated at four locations around Calgary: Caffe Rosso at 425-11 Ave. S.E., shown at left; World Health Club at 7222 Edgemont Blvd. N.W.; Cranked in Airdrie at 3 Stonegate Dr. S.W.; or at the Globe and Mail office at #450, 708-11 Ave. S.W.

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Charges dismissed for MMA fighter spotted naked in church

Mayhem Miller. Host of MTV's *Bully Beatdown* was accused of vandalizing and destroying property in Southern California house of worship.

A misdemeanor vandalism charge has been dismissed against mixed-martial-arts fighter and reality-show host Jason "Mayhem" Miller, who was found naked in a Southern California church.

Court records show that the 31-year-old Miller had the charge dismissed at a

hearing Wednesday.

Miller was found nude in a church three months ago by a pastor, who called authorities when he found books and CDs that were strewn about and missing boards from a previously-broken window.

Orange County prosecutors said Miller was accused

of breaking at least one picture frame, spray-painting inside the church and damaging a propane tank and other items.

Miller has fought for several organizations, including the UFC, and hosted the MTV show "Bully Beatdown."

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Mixed martial artist Jason Miller arrives at Fighters Only World Mixed Martial Arts Awards 2010 at the Palms Casino Resort Dec. 1 in Las Vegas, Nevada. ETHAN MILLER/GETTY IMAGES

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The Ice Lady found guilty of murder

An Austrian ice cream parlour owner has been found guilty of killing her ex-husband and a boyfriend before chopping them up with a chain saw and burying them in concrete in her shop's basement.

A Vienna court convicted the 34-year-old woman of murder Thursday and handed her a life sentence, ordering her to be held in psychiatric care, according to Austrian news agency APA.

The woman, identified only as Estibaliz C, confessed to the murders Monday but her lawyer said she will appeal.

The woman, dubbed the "Ice Lady" by Austrian media, shot the men in 2008 and 2010, putting their body parts in a freezer before burying them in her cellar. She had told the court her ex-husband failed to leave her alone and the boyfriend cheated on her. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Estibaliz C is led away by police in Vienna's main court on Thursday.

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Iran

Crackdown on web dissent continues

In his last blog entry, activist Sattar Beheshti wrote that Iranian authorities had given him an ultimatum: either stop posting his "big-mouth" attacks against the ruling system or tell his mother that she will soon be in mourning.

"We will tear down your cruel cage," Beheshti typed on Oct. 29 before signing off.

A day later he was arrested. Within a week, his family had collected his body. They began calls for an investigation that have been echoed by Washington, European allies and rights groups.

Arrests of activists and claims of abuse in detention are commonplace in Iran,

but deaths behind bars are much rarer. Iran's judiciary responded to the growing pressure and authorized an investigation. It claims three of Beheshti's interrogators have been arrested while post-mortem reports are studied.

The 35-year-old Beheshti, an obscure blogger whose site was followed by only a few dozen viewers, apparently fell under the custody of Iran's cyber police, created with a wide mandate to crush web dissent.

Last month, the UN's Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights warned of "a further severe clampdown on critical voices" in Iran. Even a former Iranian intelligence minister called Beheshti's death in custody a "disaster" for Iran's leaders.

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Pre-emptive strike. Tories target Trudeau as poll suggests growing favour

Conservatives have launched their first concerted attack on Justin Trudeau — and a new poll may explain why.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey suggests the Liberal leadership front-runner's popularity is not the fleeting celebrity phenomenon that skeptics had assumed.

It's actually increasing and has the potential to siphon off votes from all parties, including the Tories.

Forty-two per cent of respondents said they'd be certain or likely to vote Liberal in the next election if Trudeau was at the helm — enough to form a comfortable Liberal majority government.

The poll was released Thursday, just as the Conservatives pounced on a two-year-old television interview to accuse Trudeau of being anti-Alberta.

In the interview with the Tele-Quebec program Les francs-tireurs, Trudeau said: "Canada isn't doing well right now because it's Albertans who control our community and socio-democratic agenda. It doesn't work."

Trudeau's campaign swiftly issued a statement accusing

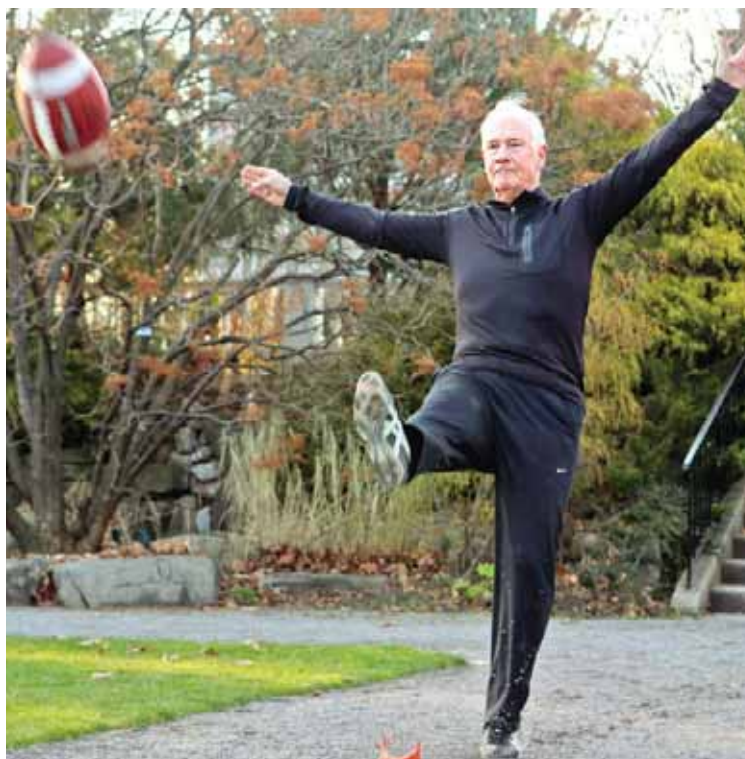


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the Tories of using "out-of-context statements made years ago in a long interview" to launch a desperate "smear campaign" aimed at reviving the faltering Conservative by-election campaign in Calgary Centre.

The resurrected Trudeau quotes piled on a gaffe a day earlier by Ottawa Liberal MP David McGuinty. He resigned his shadow cabinet post as natural resources critic after saying Alberta Tory MPs are "shills" for the oil industry and should go home.

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It's good! GG set for Grey Cup kickoff

Gov. Gen. David Johnston practices kicking a football on the grounds of Rideau Hall, the official residence of the Governor General, in Ottawa, Thursday. Johnston is getting ready for the Grey Cup kickoff this Sunday.

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Concerned family

Google recruited in probe into death threats

A Toronto-area family devastated by emailed death threats sent from the children's school last year is now hoping Google can help end their ongoing nightmare. But it's unclear if the cyber-juggernaut will co-operate. Ashoak Grewal received emails from a Gmail user that stated he and his family would be killed. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Funding required

Cities headed for 'infrastructure cliff': Mulcair

Tom Mulcair says Canada's municipalities are heading for an "infrastructure cliff" unless the federal government commits to long-term, stable funding to repair crumbling roads, and water and sewer systems.

And the NDP leader says that commitment must be made in the 2013 budget, since the current Building Canada Fund is set to expire in 2014. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Acorn activist drops bid to remove trees amid online pressure

Cyber-bullying.

Allergy-related request dropped after Toronto mother reports online harassment

A mother who sought to have oak trees uprooted and replanted far away from her children's Toronto-area school due to concern over acorn allergies says fierce public reaction and "cyber-bullying" has led her to drop her request.

Donna Giustizia asked city councillors in Vaughan, Ont., earlier this month to move the three trees out of fear their nuts could trigger allergic reactions in her two children and others at the elementary school's playground.

But in a letter emailed to councillors Tuesday, Giustizia withdrew the request, taking a dig at the media for what she called "sensational" reporting on her council appearance.



Donna Giustizia
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Giustizia's letter says her family has been targeted by "cyber-bullying" over her "friendly request" to have council think about moving the trees somewhere else.

She says the fierce reaction is unfair since in a "free, civilized society" citizens should be able to sound off to their elected officials without fear of personal attacks.

Stories on Giustizia's request were published around the world and spurred acid-tongued comments on online

message boards, while experts insisted the allergy risk was minimal.

The school itself has a nut-free policy for the indoor areas, but the three oak trees line the playground, dropping their acorns in the play area.

"It is most unfortunate that the media, in reporting the story, chose to sensationalize the news and has carelessly and cavalierly hurt those who we were trying to protect," she wrote in the letter.

"On a personal level, the cyber-bullying and hate-filled sentiments my family and I have had to endure — because of my simply acting in a voluntary capacity, making a friendly request to my city council on behalf of small children — is ridiculous.

"In a free, civilized society, we should be able to voice our opinions, express our concerns, and make our requests to elected officials without fear of reprisal, ridicule, or regret," Giustizia wrote. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Gaza crisis: Both sides claim victory

After 8 days fighting:
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Hamas leaders and thousands of flag-waving supporters declared victory over Israel on Gaza's first day of calm under an Egyptian-brokered truce Thursday, as Israeli officials flew to Cairo for talks on easing a blockade on the battered Palestinian territory.

Eight days of punishing Israeli airstrikes on Gaza and a barrage of Hamas rocket fire on Israel ended inconclusively. While Israel said it inflicted heavy damage on the militants, Gaza's Hamas rulers claimed that Israel's decision not to send in ground troops, as it had four years ago, was a sign of a new deterrent power.

The mood in Israel was mixed. Some were grateful that quiet had been restored without a ground operation that could have cost the lives of more soldiers. Others — particularly those in south-

Side effects

- The fighting brought the Islamists unprecedented political recognition, with foreign ministers from Turkey and several Arab states visiting — a sharp contrast to Hamas' past isolation.
- Israel and the United States, even while formally sticking to a policy of shunning Hamas, also acknowledged its central role by engaging in indirect negotiations with them.
- Egypt emerged as the pivotal mediator, raising its stature as a regional power.

ern Israel hit by rockets over the past 13 years — thought the operation was abandoned too quickly.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the offensive's aims of halting Gaza rocket fire and weakening Hamas were achieved.

Despite the tough talk, the ceasefire raised hopes of a new era between Israel and Hamas. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



An Israeli soldier guides a tank to a new position at a staging area near the Gaza Strip border in southern Israel Thursday. A ceasefire agreement between Israel and the Gaza Strip's Hamas rulers took effect Wednesday night, bringing an end to eight days of fierce fighting. **LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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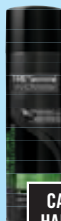
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Charter rights. Challenge to anti-terrorism tactics will see highest court

The Supreme Court of Canada will decide just how open the process should be when the federal government wants to deport a suspected terrorist from abroad.

The high court agreed Thursday to hear a challenge of the national security certificate system, a rarely used means of removing non-citizens accused of being terrorists or spies.

It will also review crucial issues related to evidence in the case of Algerian refugee Mohamed Harkat, arrested 10 years ago in Ottawa under a security certificate.

The hearing will come more than five years after the Conservative government retooled the certificate regime to make it consistent with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The Supreme Court will rule whether those reforms



Mohamed Harkat THE CANADIAN PRESS

went far enough.

Harkat, 44, was taken into custody in December 2002 on suspicion of being an al-Qaida agent. He denies any involvement in terrorist activities.

The person named in a security certificate receives only a summary of the case against them — stripped of supporting information — which critics say makes the process wholly unfair. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Custody battle

Supreme Court won't hear 'fetus abduction' case

Canada's top court has declined to hear an appeal involving an Ontario woman's right to choose where to have her baby.

The case was prompted by a mother who left Canada when she was seven months pregnant. After the baby was born in California, the father started a custody battle in Ontario.

A lower court agreed to hear the dispute, saying what the mother had done was tantamount to kidnapping. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Multiple sclerosis

Tories shut down MS therapy bill

The Conservatives have used their Senate majority to kill legislation that would have authorized a national strategy to deal with a controversial therapy for multiple sclerosis.

The Tory senators argued this is a matter for science and medicine, not Parliament.

The bill would have required a national strategy and formal trials of what is known as liberation therapy, which involves opening up blocked neck veins.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

B.C. court hears dogs were killed to be kind

Animal cruelty. Sled dog operator says he was forced to kill 56 dogs after company froze spending on care

A man who pleaded guilty to the slaughter of dozens of sled dogs will not spend time in prison, a judge has ruled, concluding the man had the "best interests" of the dogs at heart when he culled the pack near Whistler after a slump in business following the 2010 Olympics.

But while Judge Steve Merriks said he agreed with a psychiatrist's assessment that Robert Fawcett's actions were the result of mental instability, he noted: "(You) ought to have anticipated the possibility of the horrific circumstances that could result."

The aftermath from the April 2010 killing was laid bare in B.C. Supreme Court for the first time Thursday by Fawcett's lawyer, who described how hard it was for his client to even listen to details of killing his beloved animals again.

Fawcett admitted in August to killing the dogs following a post-Olympic slump in sales. Court heard he felt forced when the owners of Howling Dog Tours put an "absolute freeze" on spending, other than for food and the bare minimum of labour.

At that point, Fawcett was working 150 hours over two weeks to care for the animals and watching their conditions deteriorate to the point where they were fighting and killing



Ingrid Katzberg attends the sentencing hearing for Robert Fawcett on Thursday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

each other in their kennel.

"In part, he accepted the burden because he felt he could do it compassionately and he did not want that burden placed on anyone else," defence lawyer Greg Diamond said.

Fawcett pleaded guilty to one count of causing unnecessary pain and suffering to animals, which relates to the deaths of nine dogs. More than 50 dogs were exhumed from a mass grave in May 2011 as part of a forensic investigation by the B.C. SPCA. Court



B.C. SPCA employees examine the mass grave for dogs. CONTRIBUTED/B.C. SPCA

heard most of the dogs that were shot did not suffer.

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Harper opts out of provincial gathering

Halifax. Prime minister's absence threatens to disrupt premiers' meeting on economy

Canada's premiers are arriving in Halifax in the hopes of striking a common economic plan at a time of tepid growth and mounting debt.

But Prime Minister Stephen Harper's absence from the meeting, which begins Friday, threatens to derail that goal, a couple of them say.

"It's difficult for us to know how we can best blend our own planning in with the funding of the federal government if we don't know what their plans are," said Nova



Stephen Harper THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter, who is hosting the meeting.

The idea for such a gathering came up during the last premiers' meeting in July, when they agreed to discuss how they could protect their provinces from a global economy in flux. That was before revised figures came out showing a higher federal

deficit and growing concerns over the possibility of the U.S. economy going over its so-called fiscal cliff at the end of next month.

The premiers invited Harper, but he declined. His office has said he has met regularly with the provincial leaders and the economy remains his prime concern, but that response hasn't sat well with a few of them.

"I think we're all disappointed that we couldn't get an opportunity to meet with the prime minister and to build a strong plan for economic growth together," Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty said earlier this week. "We'll see what we can do by way of a concerted effort." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Setback for Sea King

A Sea King helicopter sits grounded after making an unscheduled landing near a shopping complex in Bedford, N.S., on Thursday afternoon. The helicopter was forced to make the emergency landing after it experienced problems with its hydraulics, the Department of National Defence said.

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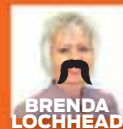
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Scientists to attempt resurrection of species

Galapagos Islands.
Will take at least 100 years to revive a species of giant tortoise recently declared dead

Lonesome George, the late reptile prince of the Galapagos Islands, may be dead, but scientists now say he may not be the last giant tortoise of his species after all.

Researchers say they may be able to resurrect the Pinta

Island subspecies by launching a cross-breeding program with 17 other tortoises found to contain genetic material similar to that of Lonesome George, who died June 24 at the Pacific Ocean archipelago off Ecuador's coast after repeated failed efforts to reproduce.

Edwin Naula, director of the Galapagos National Park, said in a telephone interview on Thursday that the probability is high it can be accomplished.

"It would be the first time that a species was recovered after having been declared

extinct," Naula said.

But it won't happen overnight.

"This is going to take about 100 to 150 years," Naula added.

Scientists took DNA samples from 1,600 tortoises on Wolf volcano, and found the Pinta variety in 17, though their overall genetic makeup varied.

Through cross-breeding, "100 per cent pure species" can be achieved, said Naula, a biologist.

He said the 17 tortoises were being transferred from Isabela island, where the vol-

cano is located, to the park's breeding centre at Santa Cruz, the main island on the archipelago whose unique flora and fauna helped inspire Charles Darwin's work on evolution. The results are to be published in the journal Biological Conservation, the park said.

At least 14 species of giant tortoise originally inhabited the islands, which are 1,000 kilometres off Ecuador's coast, and 10 survive. A visit to Lonesome George became de rigueur for visitors to the Galapagos.

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Mexico

Name change for Mexico proposed

Mexico's president is making one last attempt to get the United States out of Mexico — at least as far as the country's name is concerned.

The country's formal name is the United Mexican States, but few people use it.

President Felipe Calderon wants to make it simply Mexico.

Calderon says the name was adopted in 1824 to imitate the country's northern neighbour, the United States of America.

Calderon said Thursday Mexico doesn't need to emulate anyone. The constitutional reform would have to be approved by both houses of Congress and a majority of Mexico's 31 legislatures. However, Calderon leaves office on Dec. 1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Standing his ground, right on a Chinese road

People stand near a house that sits in the middle of a newly built road in Wenling city in east China's Zhejiang province Thursday. The house belongs to an elderly man, who refused to sign an agreement to allow his house to be demolished as the compensation was not enough. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

United Arab Emirates. Dubai court hands two foreigners three months in jail for fondling in taxi

A Dubai court has sentenced an Irish man and British woman to three months in jail for an alleged intimate tryst in the back of a taxi.

But the couple has denied the charges and have accused the taxi driver of fabricating the story after a fare dispute.

The sentence on Thursday is the latest case of Westerners running afoul of the social codes in the United Arab Emirates, which maintains strict laws on sex-relat-

ed issues although it often turns a blind eye.

Prosecutors accused the pair of removing some clothing and fondling each other in a cab in May.

The judge says the pair will be deported after serving their sentences, which they can appeal.

In 2008, a British couple received a three-month sentence after being charged with having sex on a Dubai beach.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Poop. Hatch open for 30 years on Swedish church tower allows two tonnes of pigeon dung through

A hatch on a Swedish church tower inadvertently left open for some three decades resulted in two tonnes of pigeon droppings amassing in the tower.

The church's property manager says the layer of droppings was 30 centimetres deep when it was discovered during a May inspection of the Heliga Trefaldighets Kyrka in Gavle, 170 kilometres north of Stockholm.

Lennart Helzenius said

on Thursday that church staff had been shocked by the sheer number of bags of excrement cleaners were removing from the tower.

He says the pigeon droppings filled 80 bags in the first round of cleaning, and then just as many, another 80 bags, in the second round.

Helzenius says the hatch had probably been left open since the 1980s.

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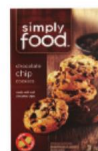
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A worker cuts a shark fin on June 12 at a fish market in Dubai. The global trade in shark fins totals hundreds of millions of dollars a year, and tens of millions of sharks around the world may be caught every year for their fins. The European Parliament voted to ban the practice of shark finning on Thursday. KAMRAN JEBREILI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EU Parliament votes to ban shark finning

Specialty. Practice stems from the high price the body parts fetch in China for shark-fin soup

The European Union took a major step to protect sharks on Thursday, banning the brutal practice of hacking off their fins before throwing them back into the sea to die.

The European Parliament voted by an overwhelming 566-47 margin to force all boats in EU waters and EU-registered vessels around the world to land sharks with

their fins attached and prove the animal had not been thrown back finless.

The practice of shark finning stems from the high price the body parts fetch in China for shark-fin soup, a specialty at high-class banquets, and the low value of the rest of the body. The consumption of fins has risen as China's living standards have increased. Fins can sell for as much as \$700 US a pound.

The European Union has said that some 75 million sharks are killed for their fins only. Since the EU is the biggest exporter, the move should have a sizable impact on shark populations.

The International Union

Conservation concerns

- Spain is the top fin exporter. The Oceana conservation group said the EU is the largest shark-fishing power in the world, with 17 per cent of reported shark catches, and the largest exporter of shark fins to Hong Kong and mainland China.

for the Conservation of Nature says that about one-third of sharks and rays are threatened both in EU waters and around the globe.

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Enclosure escape

White tiger attacks zoo employees

A rare white tiger attacked three employees in a Czech zoo Thursday after escaping from its enclosure, officials said.

Lenka Markovicova, spokeswoman for the rescuers in the northern city of Liberec, said one man has been hospitalized with head injuries. She said he is not in life-threatening condition. Two women suffered minor injuries and were also taken to the local hospital for treatment.

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Not welcome. Chris Brown cancels Guyana concert over protests

Organizers say American R&B star Chris Brown has cancelled a stadium concert in Guyana after local protests over his 2009 beating of then-girlfriend Rihanna.

Brown was billed to headline a Dec. 26 show. But he drew the ire of women's rights groups and opposition lawmakers who said Brown would not be welcome in Guyana three years after his assault of the Barbadian superstar.

Concert promoter Hits & Jams Entertainment said Thursday that Brown backed



Singer Chris Brown has cancelled a stadium concert in Guyana after local protests over his 2009 beating of then-girlfriend Rihanna.

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out, citing discomfort with the protests. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Wife of ex-Ivory Coast leader charged with rape, murder

Simone Gbagbo.
International Criminal Court unseals indictment against former first lady

The International Criminal Court unsealed an indictment Thursday against former Ivory Coast president Laurent Gbagbo's wife on charges including murder, rape and persecution. It was the first time in the court's 10-year history it has charged a woman.

The world's first permanent war-crimes tribunal said the arrest warrant was issued on Feb. 29 for former first lady Simone Gbagbo for crimes against humanity.

Her husband is in custody at the court's detention unit in The Hague facing similar charges stemming from his fight to retain power after losing a 2010 presidential election. If his wife is extradited, they could face justice together in an unprecedented

Mounting tension

The Ivory Coast told the ICC "a long time ago" it will not extradite Simone Gbagbo.

- **Hoping for a change of heart.** The court's chief prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, urged Ivory Coast to extradite Gbagbo.
- **More to come.** Bensouda said prosecutors continue to investigate crimes committed by both sides in Ivory Coast's bloody power struggle and expect to issue further arrest warrants in the future.

ed husband-wife trial.

But a senior member of Ivory Coast President Alasane Ouattara's government, who requested anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to the media, said Ivory Coast has already informed the ICC that the nation will not let her go.

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Simone Gbagbo, wife of Laurent Gbagbo, reacts during a pro-Gbagbo rally at the Palace of Culture in the Treichville neighbourhood of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, in this Jan. 15, 2011, photo. REBECCA BLACKWELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

West Africa

Hundreds of children freed from forced labour in Burkina Faso

Police found children, some as young as six, working deep in gold mines and cotton fields around Burkina Faso. They were unpaid and unschooled. Some were being sexually abused.

An international police operation has freed nearly 400 children from forced labour in the West African country and arrested 73 people suspected of child trafficking or forced labour, Interpol announced Thursday.

It was a rare victory against forced child labour in West Africa, which has some of the world's highest poverty rates. Young boys are often sent to work as hired hands in other people's fields or are employed in the numerous mines that dot the countryside. Young girls are frequently sent to work as maids in the homes of the urban elite.

The Interpol-organized operation in Burkina Faso targeted children sold and forced into labour by traffickers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Phone hacking. British media set to face the music

It's judgment day for Britain's press.

After nearly 18 months of damaging revelations about widespread media misconduct, the senior judge tapped to investigate the ethics and practices of some of the English-speaking world's most powerful newspapers will deliver his verdict next Thursday.

Lord Justice Brian Leveson's inquiry was launched in response to the phone-hacking scandal at Rupert Murdoch's News of the World, where journalists routinely intercepted phone messages to obtain sensational stories and allegedly engaged in computer hacking and bribery, too.

Leveson's recommendations have been a matter of

Government probe

A year's worth of hearings exposed a host of shady journalistic practices.

- Celebrities, crime victims and the falsely accused described feeling helpless as their privacy rights were ground to bits

intense speculation since the inquiry was ordered by Prime Minister David Cameron in July 2011. Leveson could recommend new rules for journalists, suggest a new press watchdog or simply endorse the status quo.

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Italy

Journalists' union set for protest strike

The Italian journalists' union has announced a national strike Monday to protest a proposed law that maintains a Fascist-era provision for jail time for journalists convicted of libel while reducing penal-

ties for their editors to fines.

The Senate will vote Monday on the measure, which would carry a penalty of up to one year in jail for journalists convicted of libel, while the editor in charge risks fines of \$64,000.

Parliament took up the law after a rightist editor was given a 14-month sentence for libel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.K. politician calling for new vote on women bishops



Rev. Kat Campion-Spall, an assistant curate at St. Mary's Church in Merton, southwest London, takes a break with her seven-week-old daughter Iris, during a meeting of the General Synod of the Church of England on Tuesday. YUI MOK/GETTY IMAGES

Church of England. MPs push for action in wake of controversial vote by General Synod

The Church of England should hold another vote on women bishops as soon as possible, its representative in the House of Commons said Thursday, while some members suggested stripping the church of its exemption from sex-discrimination laws.

Legislation to permit women to become bishops was blocked in the church's governing General Synod on Tuesday, a result that has drawn harsh criticism in Parliament.

"This is not an issue which

Quoted

"This is an issue that has to be resolved as soon as possible."

U.K. MP Tony Baldry on a recent decision by the Church of England to block women bishops.

can in any way be parked for the next couple of years or so awaiting another round of synod elections," said Tony Baldry, a member of Parliament who is officially designated to speak for the church.

Church legislation to permit women to serve as bishops failed to win the necessary two-thirds majority among lay members of the General Synod. Church officials have said it could take five years to lay the ground for another vote, but Baldry said this should not be necessary.

The church has been unable to find a formula that meets the objections of traditionalists who believe only men can be priests and bishops, without at the same time offending women by restricting their authority and status as bishops.

Frank Field, a legislator and former member of the General Synod, introduced a bill on Thursday to strip the church of its exemption from sex-discrimination laws. More drastically, there has been talk of ending the church's status as the state church governed by the monarch.

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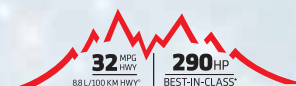
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Conflict. Rebels vow to press ahead with offensive into eastern Congo

Congolese soldiers and rebel fighters battled for hours over the eastern town of Sake on Thursday, forcing thousands of people to flee as the militants seeking to overthrow the government vowed to push forward despite mounting international pressure.

Meanwhile, the leader of the rebel group known as M23 headed to neighbouring Uganda where emergency talks were held this week between the presidents of Congo and its neighbours Uganda and Rwanda.

Fighting broke out Thursday just before noon in Sake, which the rebels had seized Wednesday after capturing the strategic provincial capital of Goma, about 27 kilometres away.

Rebel spokesman Lt. Col. Vianney Kazarama vowed that the fighters would press on and seize the strategic east-



Women run for safety as soldiers and rebel fighters battled in the eastern Congo town of Sake on Thursday. Thousands fled as militants seeking to overthrow the government vowed to push ahead. JEROME DELAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ern town of Bukavu, which would mark the biggest gain in rebel territory in nearly a decade if it were to fall.

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No oversight. Egypt's president grants himself far-reaching powers

Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi issued constitutional amendments on Thursday that placed him above judicial oversight and ordered the retrial of Hosni Mubarak for the killing of protesters in last year's uprising.

Morsi also decreed immunity for the Islamist-dominated panel drafting a new constitution from any possible court decisions to dissolve it, a threat that had been hanging over the controversial assembly.

The moves effectively remove any oversight on Morsi, the Muslim Brotherhood figure who became Egypt's first

freely elected president last summer. They come as Morsi is riding high on lavish praise from U.S. President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for mediating an end to eight days of fighting between Israel and Gaza's Hamas rulers.

Liberal and Christian members have withdrawn from the assembly to protest what they say is the hijacking of the process by Morsi's allies, who they say are trying to push through a document with an Islamist slant marginalizing women and minority Christians and infringing on personal liberties. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Giving the gift of sight to hundreds of Indonesians

Healing camp.

Country has one of the highest rates of blindness in the world

They came from the remotest parts of Indonesia, taking crowded overnight ferries and riding for hours in cars or buses, all in the hope that a simple, and free, surgical procedure would restore their eyesight.

Many patients were elderly and needed help to reach two hospitals in Sumatra where mass eye camps were held this month by Nepalese surgeon Dr. Sanduk Ruit. During eight days, more than 1,400 cataracts were removed.

The patients camped out, sleeping side-by-side on military cots, eating donated food while fire trucks supplied them with water for showers and toilets.

Many who had given up hope of ever seeing again left smiling after their bandages were removed.

"I've been blind for three years, and it's really bad," said Arlita Tobing, 65, whose sight was restored after the surgery. "I worked on someone's farm, but I couldn't work anymore."

Indonesia has one of the highest rates of blindness in the world, making it a target country for Ruit, who travels throughout the developing world holding free mass eye camps while training doctors to perform the simple, stitch-free procedure he pioneered.

He often visits hard-to-reach remote areas where health care is scarce and patients are poor. He believes that by teaching doctors how to perform his method



A young patient has a weight put on his eye after receiving local anesthesia before cataract surgery at Putri Hijau military hospital in Medan, Indonesia. BINSAR BAKKARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The blight of blindness

- Cataracts are the leading cause of blindness globally, affecting about 20 million people who mostly live in poor countries, the World Health Organization says.
- During the recent camps, Ruit trained six doctors from Indonesia, Thailand and Singapore.

of cataract removal, the rate of blindness can be reduced worldwide.

"We get only one life, and that life is very short. I am blessed by God to have this opportunity," said Ruit, who runs the Tilganga Eye Centre in Kathmandu, Nepal. "The most important of that is training, taking the idea to other people."

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Kadir Hasibuan, 89, reacts as a volunteer encourages him to count after his eye patches were removed following his cataract surgery. Indonesians flocked to the hospital for free cataract surgery performed by a team led by Nepalese master surgeon Dr. Sanduk Ruit. BINSAR BAKKARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Toy stories

Salvation Army drowning in toys

The Salvation Army says it has been overwhelmed by people offering to help out since news spread of the theft of some \$2 million worth of toys and donations.

It's believed as many as 100,000 toys were stolen over an almost two-year period from the charity's warehouse in Toronto.

The Salvation Army says it only became aware of the thefts after a whistleblower came forward in August.

Spokesman John Murray says the response from people wanting to help replace the toys has been overwhelming.

Harold Chizick of the Toronto toy company Spin Master says when the company heard the news, it knew it had to do something.

So it's donating more than \$100,000 worth of toys to the Salvation Army.

Murray has said he believes the alleged theft is an isolated incident and has urged people not to lose confidence in the charity. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

White House holiday

Obama gives Thanksgiving thanks to troops

U.S. President Barack Obama celebrated Thanksgiving quietly at the White House with his family, friends and staff members after phoning 10 members of the U.S. armed services in Afghanistan.

Obama, as has been his practice during previous holidays, reached out to service members from the army, air force, marine corps and navy.

"The president thanked each of them for their service and sacrifice and wished them and their families a happy Thanksgiving," White House officials said.

The president was joining his wife Michelle and their daughters, Sasha and Malia, later Thursday for dinner, where they were to be joined by White House staff members and guests.

The menu included ham, oyster stuffing, and macaroni and cheese along with the traditional turkey, sweet potatoes, green-bean casserole and pie. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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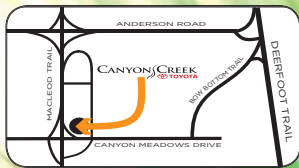
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Sarkozy. Former French president investigated in campaign cash scandal

He faces the possibility of charges on allegations he took advantage of an aging heiress to get envelopes stuffed with cash for his presidential campaign. And still France's conservatives see Nicolas Sarkozy as their best hope to return to power.

On Thursday, the former president was named a key — and potentially indictable — witness after 12 hours before a judge to answer questions about whether he accepted illegal campaign donations from the 90-year-old L'Oreal heiress, Liliane Bettencourt.

Bettencourt's former accountant told police she handed over €150,000

(\$192,500) in cash she was told would be passed on to Sarkozy's campaign treasurer. Bettencourt, Europe's richest woman, reportedly suffers from Alzheimer's disease and has been placed under legal protection.

The Bordeaux prosecutor said after Thursday's hearing that Sarkozy was given the status of what in France is known as an "assisting witness," with the possibility of facing charges later on allegations of abusing someone in an impaired state, swindling and abuse of confidence.

Bettencourt's money was contested long before Sarkozy entered the picture. Her daughter accused a celebrity photographer of abusing her mother's alleged mental frailty — and bilking the elder heiress out of €1 billion (\$1.3 billion) in cash and artworks. The elder Bettencourt's ex-butler leaked details of household conversations, including one in which the mother seems confused about whether she gave an island in the Seychelles to the photographer as a gift.

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France's former president, Nicolas Sarkozy, is in the legal crosshairs over alleged illegal campaign donations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Ontario mayor won't quit despite criminal charges



Mayor Joe Fontana makes a statement during a news conference in London, Ont., on Thursday about charges he is facing after an RCMP investigation. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fraud charge. Fontana is alleged to have inappropriately used funds when he was a member of Parliament

A former Liberal MP facing criminal charges in a fraud investigation stemming from his time as a cabinet minister staunchly refused Thursday to step down from his post as mayor of London, Ont.

Joe Fontana was charged Wednesday by the RCMP with fraud under \$5,000, breach of trust by a public official and uttering forged documents.

Fontana denied any wrongdoing at a news conference held at his lawyer's of-

fice Thursday.

"I'm innocent of all of these charges and I intend to fight as hard as I possibly can to clear my name," he said as about two dozen protesters gathered outside chanted for him to resign.

"I'm not stepping aside. I'm not going to abandon my post. I have a responsibility and obligation that was given to me by the people of London two years ago."

The London Free Press has reported two Government of Canada cheques were given to a London club to cover the cost of the wedding reception for Fontana's son in 2005. It said the first cheque was for a deposit of \$1,700 and a second cheque for \$18,900 was received several months later.

A media officer with the RCMP said the value of the fraud Fontana is charged with is set at \$1,700 and that "there is no evidence to suggest or support that other government funding was received for Joseph Fontana's personal expenses."

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"The cloud of suspicion is there."

Anthony Verberckmoes, one of two dozen protesters who said Fontana has lost legitimacy in a lot of people's eyes and should resign.



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Layaway returns to retail scene

Credit crunch. Maxed out consumers bring instalment concept back into vogue

Most holiday shoppers will be armed with cash, debit or credit cards during the busiest shopping season of the year, but for those on a tight budget, the layaway counter can provide an affordable way to buy gifts.

Layaway allows people to buy an item by putting down a

deposit and paying off the rest in instalments, usually without interest.

Some stores do charge a service or storage fee. Once the item is paid off, you're free to bring it home. This buying option may seem an antiquated way of doing things, especially in a society used to the immediate gratification of credit.

Layaway was introduced during the Great Depression but easy credit and boom times had made it mostly a thing of the past. The concept has be-

come in vogue again, thanks in part to belt-tightening since the recession.

In September, Toys "R" Us and Walmart in the U.S. announced they were starting their layaway plans a month earlier than last year due to demand from customers who said they needed extra time to pay the purchases off. Both companies revised their plans and dropped the service charges for the holiday season.

The buying option, however, is more rare in Canada. It

is not available at Toys "R" Us and Sears in Canada and there's only a number of Walmart stores that still offer layaway north of the border.

But Doug Stephens, retail analyst and president of Retail Prophet Consulting, said the practice may soon become more common in Canada.

"We're going to see it more and more in the very near future because it's no secret now that Canadians are coming into the end of their string on credit." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Wedding consultant Shirley-Anna Thompson, who purchased all her dresses on a layaway plan at David's Bridal when she renewed her vows this year, hangs up dresses as she works at the Toronto store. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa. No 'risky' spending planned for 2013, says Flaherty



Finance Minister Jim Flaherty
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Canadians shouldn't expect any "risky new spending schemes" or tax increases in the next federal budget, as the Conservatives push ahead with plans to balance the budget by 2015, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Thursday.

Flaherty, speaking to a business audience, said the government plans to get back to a balanced budget "during the current parliamentary term and certainly before the next election."

He said the government will not reduce transfers to provinces and territories for education and health care, which make up about one-third of the budget. Nor will the government touch spending to individuals like seniors, people with disabilities and children, another third of the budget, he added.

So, Flaherty said, the government is left to focus on the final third of the budget — program spending.

The government's latest deficit projections, released last week, show a deficit of \$26 billion — up \$5 billion from the budget forecast last March, due to global economic weakness that has cut into commodity prices and tax revenues.

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Railcar plant. Bombardier set for lengthy disruption

Bombardier is bracing for what could be a lengthy strike at its Quebec railcar assembly plant after workers rejected what the company characterized as a generous offer that raises wages and pension benefits and contained a commitment to invest in new technology.

"Don't worry, we've got our contingency plans and we could go a long way," company spokesman Marc Laforge said Thursday, hours after union members massively rejected Bombardier's "final" contract offer.

He said the company has a long-term vision for the plant and has no immediate plans to transfer work to its other facilities in Thunder Bay, Ont., Plattsburgh, N.Y., and Mexico.

But he said Bombardier will meet its commitment to deliver 420 Toronto subway cars and interior finishings for 706 Chicago transit cars. It also has contracts for 100 multi-level New Jersey transit cars, 54 multi-level cars for Maryland transit, along with nearly 500 Montreal Metro cars, which aren't yet in production.

Nearly 90 per cent of the votes cast at a special meeting of the workers at the rail-equipment plant northeast of Quebec City were against the deal. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Appeal underway

OSC sets aside Jaguar Financial CEO's suspension

A two-year suspension and \$625,000 fine imposed on Jaguar Financial chief executive Vic Alboini has been set aside at least temporarily by the Ontario Securities Commission pending an appeal by Alboini and two others.

Alboini has been a prominent critic of the board at Research In Motion, but the sanctions imposed against

him were on an unrelated matter involving his role as CEO of Northern Securities Inc. A non-government body that regulates Canada's securities industry found that Alboini and two other senior executives at Northern failed to comply with several of its rules.

The Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada announced Alboini's suspension on Nov. 12 and Jaguar announced the next day that he and the other executives sanctioned by IIROC would appeal to Ontario's securities commission. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

China

Manufacturing outlook improves

China's manufacturing expanded for the first time in 13 months in November in a further sign that the world's No. 2 economy is recovering from its deepest slump since the 2008 global crisis. World stocks and oil prices rose on the improving data.

HSBC Corp. said its monthly Purchasing Managers' Index improved to 50.4 for November on a 100-point scale on which

numbers over 50 indicate expansion. That was a moderate improvement from October's 49.5. It is the first time in 13 months that the reading has been above 50.

The PMI index measures overall manufacturing activity by surveying numerous indicators including orders, employment and actual production.

The Chinese numbers are rare good news for the world economy, which has slowed as Europe's chronic debt crisis worsened and the U.S. economy stagnated. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Eatery inspections posted online

People dining out in Newfoundland and Labrador can now see restaurant inspections online. The provincial government says reports from April 1, 2012, onwards are available on the Service NL website.

The Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association says it welcomes the change because it marks a step forward for restaurants. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

RIM. Shares jump 17%, but analysts stay cautious

Shares in Research In Motion spiked dramatically Thursday after days of steady gains, but analysts were still guarded about the potential success of the BlackBerry maker's new operating system.

On a day when the U.S. markets were closed, shares in Research In Motion surged 17.3 per cent to close at \$12, up \$1.77, its best performance in months on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Telecom analyst Troy Crandall predicted, however, that the BlackBerry 10 operating system has only a small probability of successfully taking consumers away from Apple and Android devices when it's

Quoted

"It's not that we're super hopeful that this is going to work out."

Telecom analyst Troy Crandall, on the odds of BB10 luring consumers away from competing devices

released in early 2013.

Crandall also said he doesn't consider it normal that shares in Research In Motion surged 17 per cent in a single day.

"Stocks should not have this type of volatility unless there's something extraordinary going on below the surface," he said.

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Real estate. Canadian homes slightly more affordable in 3rd quarter

Royal Bank says the cost of home ownership became more affordable in the most recent quarter due to a modest decline in home prices and gains in Canadian household incomes.

RBC's affordability index for a detached bungalow stood at 42 per cent of income nationally in the third quarter.

That means an owner would

need to spend 42 per cent of pre-tax annual income to pay for mortgage payments, utilities and property taxes — one percentage point lower than in the second quarter of 2012.

The index fell even more for two-storey homes, by 1.2 percentage points to 47.8 per cent, and eased 0.6 percentage points to 28 per cent for condos.

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Beker injects some attitude into plus-size clothing

Retail. Fashion guru's capsule collection for Addition Elle aims to fill gap in market

With a sister and childhood friend who are both plus-sized, the lament about a lack of stylish options for full-figured women was one Jeanne Beker has heard plenty.

"My whole life growing up I heard those kinds of complaints and the kinds of frustration that they were going through," the long-time fashion and media maven and Metro columnist said in an interview.

"Everything just seemed so 'missy,' or people were complaining about the kinds of prints that they were being offered, and they weren't being offered a lot of that same attitude that we saw in the regular-sized lines. Now, it's all coming together."

Beker will be putting her own sartorial stamp on fashions for fuller-figured women through a partnership with Addition Elle.

The style columnist and Fashion Television Channel host teamed up with the retailer on a plus-size capsule collection. The collaboration will bring extended sizing of the Edit by Jeanne Beker line to Addition Elle stores starting next spring.

Edit by Jeanne Beker launched at the Bay in 2010, a line she envisioned as essentials to be mixed and matched and serve as the "bare bones" of a woman's



Jeanne Beker, left, with a model wearing items from the Edit by Jeanne Beker for Addition Elle capsule collection, which will arrive in stores next April. ADDITION ELLE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"There really has been a void in the (plus-size) market, I think, for clothes that just were sophisticated in a sense, but with a hip kind of maybe edge to them, like a kind of attitude we weren't seeing." Jeanne Beker

wardrobe.

Beker said about two seasons into the creation of Edit, they made a foray into the plus-size market. While some of the pieces "would just fly off the rack," she said others weren't resonating to the same degree.

"We started thinking: 'You know, what are we doing wrong?' because the regular-sized line is doing so well, and plus-sized women

really seem to be voicing their complaints a lot about not being able to find the pieces that they wanted," Beker recalled during a media preview of her capsule line. "And what we realized was that some pieces just don't translate."

The debut spring line will showcase a palette of soft shades and pastels including peach, taupe, sand and mocha, encompassing

Collection

- The 19-piece capsule collection will feature fashions ranging in size from 14 to 24 with items priced from \$69.99 to \$139.99.
- The debut spring line will arrive at 50 Addition Elle stores across Canada next April.

separates like tanks, tunics and cropped pants. Sheer blouses, light cardigans and denim are also set to be featured in the range. Plans are also in the works for a fall 2013 collection.

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Supreme Court ruling

Pfizer reduces price of Viagra

Pfizer Canada is cutting the price of Viagra, bringing the cost in line with generic versions of the erectile-dysfunction drug.

The price drop follows a ruling from the Supreme Court of Canada earlier this month that invalidated the Viagra patent held by the pharmaceutical giant.

For a package of four Viagra pills, with each pill at 100 milligrams, the new price is about \$37, said a spokeswoman. The price had been about \$49. The new prices are now in effect, she added.

The Nov. 8 unanimous ruling by the high court threw open Canada's market for generic erectile-dysfunction drugs, saying Pfizer tried to "game" the Canadian system.

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StatsCan figures

Retail sales up in September

Statistics Canada reported retail sales edged up in September, helped by improved sales of new cars, but fell short of expectations amid increasing signs of economic uncertainty. Sales were up 0.1 per cent to \$39.1 billion in September, the third straight monthly increase. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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1 **Snack attack:** Newly defunct Hostess Brands Inc., which brought you Twinkies and Ding Dongs, is liquidating its assets. Major competitor Flower Foods saw

its stock rise amid rumours it may acquire parts of Hostess's business. It is especially optimistic about states with legalized marijuana.

2 **Stay tuned:** CBC has asked the CRTC to ease regulations so it can respond to changing technological demands. Details of the proposal were missed by CRTC members struggling to adjust the coat hangers on their antennae.

3 **Quantum leap:** Astronomers have discovered a new planet thought to be 13 times larger than Jupiter, and 2.5 times the mass of the sun. So my question is, how did we miss this? Thank you for making my fourth-grade science teacher look like a putz.

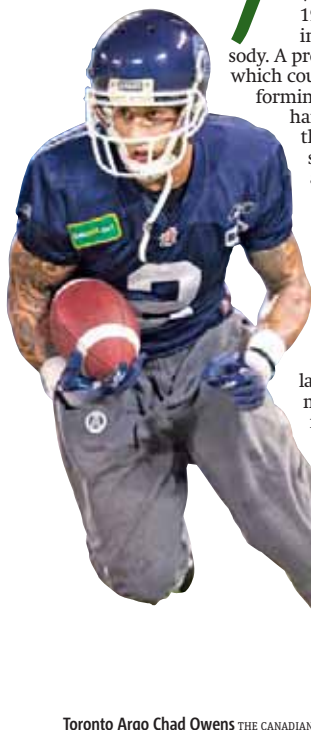
4 **Swift reaction:** Apparently, Taylor Swift was not amused by jokes about her breakup at the CMAs, marking the point that comes for all celebrities when they begin taking themselves too seriously. Imagine joking publicly about a song based on her private relationship that, over the last three months, has been played more than the national anthem. Well, I never, ever, ever ...

5 **Love hurts.** Last July in Florida, a 72-year-old husband was stabbed in the arm by his 27-year-old wife after accusing her of cheating (you don't say). Now separated, Brygida Scheffler told police she's seen her ex drive by her home, and believes he is stalking her. Maciej Nowicki says he did not "intentionally" follow her. He probably just forgot where he lived ... and that she stabbed him!

6 **100th Grey Cup.** The Toronto Argos play host to the Calgary Stampeders on Sunday, and people from coast-to-coast are pumped for this historic event. The game will feature performances by everyone from Burton Cummings and Gordon Lightfoot to Justin Bieber and Carly Rae Jepsen. The only drawback is that we'll have to hear Call Me Maybe one more freakin' time.

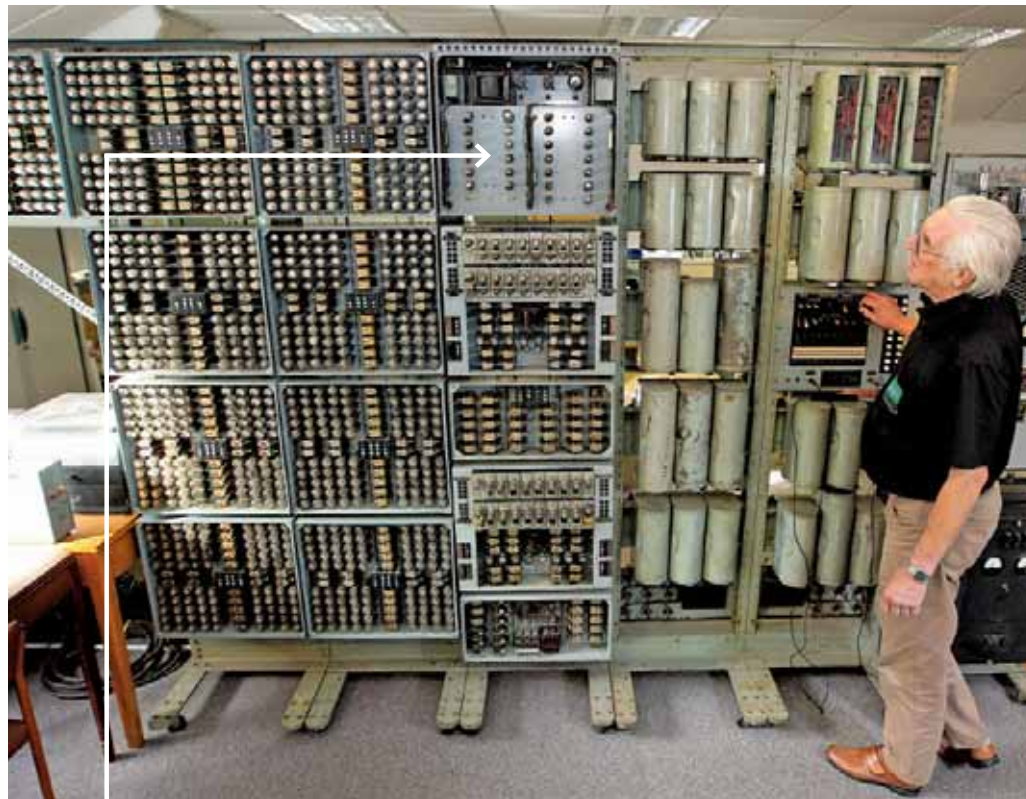
7 **We Will Rock You.** This week in 1975, rock band Queen was No. 1 in the U.K. with Bohemian Rhapsody. A promotional video was released, which could also be used to avoid performing the complex, studio-perfected harmonies. Musicologists call this the first music video ever. The song was No. 1 for nine weeks, and rose again in 1991 after singer Freddie Mercury died, becoming the first song to make No. 1 twice with one version. At almost six minutes long, record execs said it would never be a hit.

8 **Best medicine.** Living with illness is never fun, but laughing about it can't hurt. Well, maybe it can, but Julie Devaney risks it in her new book, *My Leaky Body*, and she is touring the country sharing her experiences in the most entertaining way. Her next stop is the Crohn's and Colitis symposium in Halifax on Sunday, followed by Vancouver, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Kingston, Ont., and Montreal. For details, check out myleakybody.com.



Toronto Argos Chad Owens THE CANADIAN PRESS

OK computer, say hello to 2012



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Digital devices

Fossilized hardware resuscitated

The world's oldest original working digital computer has been rebooted after lying forgotten in storage for 20 years.

The 61-year-old Harwell Dekatron (a.k.a. Witch) computer has clattered back into action at the National Museum of Computing, based at Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire, England, after a three-year restoration project. **METRO**

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Films to occupy in the zombie off-season

Bye, bye brain eaters. With *The Walking Dead* season drawing to an end, the Reel Guys offer some undead suggestions

Richard: Mark, several episodes from this season's *Walking Dead* were among the best television of the year. It owes a HUGE debt to George A. Romero's classic *Night of the Living Dead*, but I still watch even though it gives me weird dreams every Sunday night. To calm my jangled nerves, I've been checking out zombie comedies like *Shaun of the Dead* and *Cemetery Man*. Everyone knows Shaun, but *Cemetery's* weird story is worth a look. Are you a zombie fan?

Mark: Depends on the zombie, Richard. I didn't get a chance to catch up with the *Walking Dead* series because I was too busy watching the brainwashed terrorist zombies in *Homeland*. A different kind of zombie, to be sure, but zombies all the same. I think the faster the zombies move, the more I like the movie. Those slow-walking, arms-outstretched flesh eaters aren't that different than most of the clubbers I see at closing time on Saturday nights. I've never seen *Cemetery Man*, but it looks interesting. Thanks for the tip.

RC: The whole slow-moving zombies versus fast-moving zombies debate is an argument for the ages. I guess I'm a traditionalist. I like the Romero zombie, the bumbling undead who mindlessly and relentlessly keep hunting for braaains.

Dawn of the Dead, *I Walked with a Zombie* and Lucio Fulci's *Zombi* are masterpieces of the slow shuffle. You might like the remake of *Dawn of the Dead*. Man those zombies can run!

MB: I did like that one, along with *Zombieland*, *Dead Snow* (Nazi zombies, what's not to like?), and the zombie comedy (*zomcom*?) *Fido* starring Billy Connelly as a kindly zombie. But the big question in all the zombie films is: How do you get away from a zombie? Well, it seems that the meat that tastes closest to human flesh is pig! So I say, when confronted with a pack of zombies, let loose the porkers!

RC: Good advice. I'd add another zombie apocalypse tip I picked up from the movie *Zombieland*. You are at your most vulnerable while sitting

Synopsis

As *The Walking Dead* shambles toward its season finale in December, the Reel Guys suggest some infectious zombie movies to keep you entertained until the show lumbers back to air next year.

on the toilet, so hold it as long as you can. Also, having a machine gun where your leg used to be, à la Rose McGowan in *Planet Terror*, can be very useful.

MB: I'm old school, Richard. I prefer having both legs to utilize the strategy of actually running away. And remember, when being chased by a zombie, you don't have to be the fastest runner, just faster than the guy behind you.

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Twilight's mysterious Volturi provide plenty of spinoff potential. HANDOUT

Twilight's little piece of forever to get more time on the big screen?

Spinoff speculation.

The last film in the series has hit theatres, and the Twilight team won't dismiss rumours of another installment

The thing about vampires is they live forever.

And so now that the blockbuster Twilight saga has unleashed its sprawling finale, it's only fitting that speculation runs rampant about a spinoff that could keep the franchise undead for a little while longer.

Vampire-playing cast mates Daniel Cudmore and Charlie Bewley sure don't mind stirring up rumours with their own suggestions of life after Breaking Dawn — Part 2, and not surprisingly it involves more adventures for their mysterious side characters.

"You do wonder what will

happen once this is all said and done," says Bewley, who plays Demetri, a member of an ancient ruling clan known as the Volturi.

"(There are) lots of willing people ready to start new subsidiaries of this saga, so that's just down to Lionsgate/Summit, (author) Stephenie Meyer and whoever's in the reckoning."

Last weekend's blockbuster debut came with whispers of possible ways for the supernatural series to live on. Screenwriter Melissa Rosenberg stirred the pot last month with a Facebook poll asking which vampire clan should get a spin-off and stars Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner each said they'd be open to a followup. Meyer, meanwhile, has reportedly said she's got plenty of story ideas but dismissed notions anything solid is in the works.

There's no question that an off-shoot could flesh out a supernatural world that ex-

Finally, critical praise

Twilight actor Charlie Bewley says it's gratifying to see the fifth Twilight film being embraced by solid critical reviews after earlier installments took widespread beatings. "It's not made for everyone," he says. "(But) it was made for the people who made the book series so cult and popular in the first place."

panded greatly in Breaking Dawn — Part 2.

The story, however, centres on lovestruck teen Bella Swan, played by Kristen Stewart, and her new life as a powerful vampire. Here, she's settling into domestic life with her century-old sire and husband Edward Cullen, played by Pattinson, and their magical half-vampire daughter, Renesmee.

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There's more than One Direction for a documentary filmmaker to take

Morgan Spurlock. Oscar-nominated filmmaker sparks discussion with his new boy-band based project



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Oscar-nominated documentary filmmaker Morgan Spurlock (Super Size Me) announced last week that he would be directing a 3D concert film about the hit British boy band One Direction next September, with American Idol and the X Factor mastermind Simon Cowell producing.

"This is an incredible opportunity and an amazing moment in time for the band," Spurlock says in a statement. "To capture this journey and share it with audiences around the world



Morgan Spurlock is embarking on a 3D film project with One Direction. GETTY IMAGES

will be an epic undertaking that I am proud to be a part of."

What's perhaps most surprising about the news, though, is how often the pro-

ject has been referred to as a documentary in the press. While the trend has been to incorporate more and more backstage and off-stage footage into concert films — as

with last year's Justin Bieber film Never Say Never and Katy Perry's Part of Me earlier this year — do they really qualify as documentaries? Or does the label have to do more



Morgan Spurlock has gone from documenting fast food to fodder for boy band fans. GETTY IMAGES

with Spurlock's involvement. We decided to check in with some experts.

"We have seen over time that the perceived definition of documentary film has radically changed. The one constant is that these films have continued to follow factual information about the subject they are documenting and that is important," Jus-

tin Krumb, director of the doc Minds in the Water, tells Metro. "So in the case of Spurlock's new project, I believe this a true documentary, in that sense of the word, but one that falls into a new sub-category that relates to the phenomenon of reality TV/celebrity power. What's missing that I'd love to see is how these films bring about social change. How they alter our feeling to go out and change the world in a positive way or call attention to an issue that needs to be addressed."

Some of Spurlock's colleagues are willing to wait and see how he fares with his new singing and dancing subjects before passing judgment. "I know a bit about the project and from what I understand I'm not sure it's a concert film at all," says Lucy Walker, an Oscar nominee herself for Waste Land and the Tsunami and the Cherry Blossom. "Why not let him explore all aspects of filmmaking and give him the benefit of the doubt until we've seen it?"

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Movie makeup transformations

Critics love it when hot actors get by on more than their looks.

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The movie poster for *Only God Forgives* is an enigma.

It's a headshot of Ryan Gosling, yet one that no starstruck teen would ever swoon over. His mug appears beaten to a pulp and his left eye is as swollen shut as it would be after a round in the Octagon with Georges St-Pierre. Can you smell an Oscar?

Critics can't get enough of attractive thespians getting beaten with the ugly stick for art's sake.

It certainly worked for these actors who garnered big-time kudos for keeping their good looks on the down low.



Rooney Mara

Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

Pre GWTDT Rooney was a fresh-face with an alluring, yet ubiquitous girl-next-door vibe.

Dodging Freddie Krueger in the *Nightmare on Elm Street* remake and tearing Mark Zuckerberg a new one in *The Social Network* as the future Facebook billionaire's soon to be ex-girlfriend, she didn't exactly spellbind.

Then Mara chopped off her locks and transformed from a generic Hollywood hottie into an androgynous goth hacker with bleached eyebrows and piercing aplenty — a brunette version of Die Antwoord's Yolandi Visser.

Suddenly we couldn't take our eyes off of her.

CASHING IN: NOMINATED FOR AN OSCAR, GOLDEN GLOBE AND MTV MOVIE AWARD.



Felicity Huffman

Transamerica

Huffman had already scored an Emmy for playing Lynette Scavo on *Desperate Housewives*, but to ensure she wasn't forever typecast as a harried suburban soccer mom, in *Transamerica* she reshuffled her image.

To conceal her gender as a woman playing a preoperative male-to-female transsexual, Huffman dons a dumpsy wig, unflattering lavender pantsuits and poorly applied make up.

Plus, she exposed the most talked about prosthetic penis in film since Mark Wahlberg's *Boogie Nights* reveal.

CASHING IN: NOMINATED FOR AN OSCAR, AND WON A GOLDEN GLOBE AND INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AWARD.



Charlize Theron

Monster

The sultry South African beauty was virtually unrecognizable as a butch John-murdering prostitute. She packed on thirty pounds, hid her dazzling green eyes behind dark colored contact lenses and wore yellowed false teeth for the role.

To complete the cruel transition from glamazon to frumpy real-life serial killer, Theron swapped her A-list complexion in for a pasty mottled mess and shaved her eyebrows.

She also let stylists make her normally lustrious hair look in desperate need of a salon.

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Brad Pitt

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

How do you turn a perennial topper of world's sexiest man lists into a wrinkly octogenarian?

It took literally two years just to get the eye system component of the CGI wizardry that turned Pitt into a prune faced nursing home denizen working properly and nine months dedicated to writing the software articulation program for the computer generated tongue. For the first hour of the movie, the digitally rendered composite of an aged Pitt was seamlessly plopped onto various body actors.

While many reviewers bemoaned the three-hour run time of this majestic yarn as yawningly long, Pitt's performance as the age reversing titular character drew almost universal admiration.

CASHING IN: NOMINATED FOR AN OSCAR, SCREEN ACTORS GUILD, GOLDEN GLOBE, AND TEEN CHOICE AWARD.



Cameron Diaz

Being John Malkovich

Diaz's typically exquisite tresses have been a focal point in previous films.

In *There's Something about Mary* her hairstyle is front and centre in the infamous scene where Diaz mistakes a glob of Ben Stiller's nerve nullifying pre-date deposit for hair gel.

As John Cusack's homely animal hoarding wife in this surreal Spike Jonze black comedy, we once again can't help but stare at her bob — a straggly, frizzy mess of a do.

We wonder if the same smiling, leggy beauty we all know and love is really under that nest and dowdy clothes.

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Fun Size (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:05
Ice Age: Continental Drift (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-6:45-9:30
ParaNorman (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:55
Resident Evil: Retribution (14A) Fri-Thu 7:10-10
Silent Hill: Revelation (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7-9:55
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Bon Jovi: Inside Out (STC) Wed 7:30
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The Flintstones (STC) Sat 11
Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1-3:30
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Life of Pi 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:05-10
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The Metropolitan Opera: Otello Encore (STC) Sat 10:55
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Daredevil genius. The precocious Nolan Gould talks about life at 14

Nolan Gould, one of the younger stars of TV's *Modern Family*, may look innocent enough, but inside he's secretly a thrill-seeking daredevil with an IQ of 150. The actor, who recently celebrated his 14th birthday, has a simple life philosophy: Do something every day that could potentially harm you. Whoever handles the show's insurance policy must love that.

I've heard you're certifiably a genius.

We actually had to do an IQ test for school purposes. I have a 150 IQ, and my brother actually has a 152 IQ, which is kind of annoying for me because now he can always say, "I'm smarter than you." And I'm a member of Mensa. It's really awesome. But actually, being smart never comes up in my ordinary life. Like, it's not something that I go and brag about. I actually tested out of high school. In California, you can take this exam, and I passed on my first shot. Legally, it means I don't have to do school, but of course, that would be really bad. I need an education. I'm only 14. So I'm going to continue, finish out the tenth grade and then maybe go on to do some college courses.

Would you want to eventually do something more mentally stimulating than acting?

Well, that's what school is for. All of the other activities don't really use my brain. I try to use the exact opposite of my brain and try to use, like, my body to do, like, crazy exercise stuff. I do parkour, which is this crazy new sport where it's, like, stunts and flips off walls and, like, jumping over



Nolan Gould's life philosophy? Do something every day that could potentially harm you. HANDOUT

stuff. It's pretty crazy. I get really hurt doing it. I do a lot of other stuff like hiking and camping — I'm a Boy Scout — or skydiving. Pretty much anything dangerous.

The studio doesn't get nervous about all that?

You know, our producer is always just saying, "Please don't hurt the actor," because I'm always doing such crazy stuff. But my philosophy on life — I actually do have a philosophy on life — is if you go a day without doing something that could potentially get you hurt, it's not a good day. Some people will not think it is a very good one, but I do.

What are you planning for today?

For today? I'm actually going to my parkour class. I do it up at a training gym. So we'll see if I get hurt today.

Yesterday was your birthday.

What was the thing that was going to hurt you on your birthday?

I went paintballing, which hurts a lot. So yeah, I've already met my quota for the week by going paintballing.

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Julie Bowen cuts her parenthood teeth

Modern Family. Scenarios on Emmy-winning sitcom give actress the prep needed for when her kids reach the teen years



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Metro World News in Hollywood

A two-time Emmy winner for her portrayal of Type A mom Claire on *Modern Family*, Julie Bowen appears to have wrangling teens down, dealing with the hormonal outbursts of her three onscreen kids. But at home, it's a different picture for Bowen, who has three much younger sons in real life — a five-year-old and three-year-old twins. Luckily, she's acting out situations familiar to most parents of teenagers on the show, so she'll be well-prepared for the parenting challenges facing her 10 years from now.

On how the show is training her for when her kids are older:

"It is training as far as saying, like, 'No. Do it. No arguing. Clean this.' The idea that you are supposed to be best friends with your kids and they are supposed to love you and you are supposed to hang out and be buddies — and I have those moments every day — but it invariably ends in, 'Well, if we are best friends, can I

eat chocolate in bed while watching TV?' 'No.' 'Why?' 'Because you can't.' And then it turns into just boundaries and mom, and Claire is very helpful there. Claire has a lot of boundaries."

On the truth about her work-home balance:

"My kids keep me much busier than work. Work is wonderful, and it's where I come to take a nap. I had one this morning. It was fantastic. I have to be to work at six, and then they do my hair and makeup, and then we had a rehearsal. And then they had an hour where they were setting up. I immediately go to sleep wherever I am. I just lie down and sleep. I can hardly wait. At home that doesn't happen."

On having realistic expectations for healthy eating:

"You know, I try to get my kids to eat one green thing a day, and if I do, I win. I eat very well, but my kids ... I think that there are realistic expectations. I don't feed them sugar and junk food all day long at all, but they want buttery noodles with every meal. They basically want fat and carbs and cheese, and they are going to get it in whatever form. So I slap down some broccoli, and they have to eat it or else I'll be mean to them. But if you are boiling water and putting in your own pasta and butter and Parmesan cheese, it really is a healthy meal. It's just not very well-balanced if you are not



Is Julie Bowen Type-A like her *Modern Family* character? HANDOUT

Quoted

"My kids keep me much busier than work. Work is wonderful, and it's where I come to take a nap. I had one this morning" Julie Bowen

throwing some vegetables and some protein in there. So you've kind of got to look at the week as a big picture. I look at the week as one big meal for my kids as opposed to every single day and every single meal being perfectly structured. It doesn't work like that. My kids are awful."

On her Emmy win — and

attention-grabbing acceptance speech:

"I got more comments on the fact that I thanked my nannies, which is a word that I hesitate to use because it makes me sound like I have Mary Poppins floating around my house. But I do have two different women without whom I could not live or do my job."

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This image, released by FX, shows Katey Sagal as Gemma Teller-Morrow, left, and Ron Perlman as Clay Morrow in a scene from Sons of Anarchy. The series airs Tuesdays at 10 p.m. EST on FX. PRASHANT GUPTA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/FX

Sons of Anarchy: A family, workplace drama — with a little extra violence

Motorcycle gang.
Making a case for TV violence with rich, addictive storytelling

Is it time to pay tribute to TV violence?

If so, Sons of Anarchy, FX network's bloodthirsty and brilliant drama series about a motorcycle gang should be among the ones celebrated. (It airs Tuesdays at 10 p.m. EST.)

That's not to say violence should be championed, even the make-believe variety found on our TV screens.

On the contrary, some of the show's viewers count themselves among those who stew about the excess of violence on TV.

Almost every scripted drama, it seems, habitually embraces violence in its storytelling.

And more to the point, gun violence. With TV drama, guns are standard issue, a staple of the storytelling lexicon. (How many, or rather, how few, TV dramas can you name where guns aren't part of the act?)

Debates about TV violence have raged since TV began and usually go nowhere, bogging down in a jumble of the First and Second Amendments.

That is, viewers feel constitutionally guaranteed the right to bear arms — and to

be entertained by watching others who bear them. Then, with every new outbreak of real-world gun violence, the debate is reignited and the media scapegoated. Nothing is resolved.

This is not to say that certain violence-prone shows don't manage to fly under the radar.

Some do it by shrouding themselves in righteousness. Consider Law & Order: SVU, a have-it-both-ways series that for 14 seasons has luxuriated in violence as something to be condemned while, at the same time, titillating viewers with the sex crimes it wallows in.

Similarly, the CSI franchise savours violence retroactively, back in the lab, with graphic deconstructions of each weekly episode of violence.

But it's not all gratuitous violence on TV. A relative handful of dramas earn immunity, as well as acclaim, by putting violence in the service of higher truths. Think of great shows like The Sopranos, Boardwalk Empire, Breaking Bad or The Shield.

And add Sons to the list of hard-hitting series that justify their violent eruptions with the larger stories they tell.

Simply put, Sons is a family/workplace drama. It tells of a motorcycle club — the Sons of Anarchy, or SAMCRO — set in the ironically named California town of Charming, where

Season 5

- In the home stretch of its fifth season, Sons by now has spun a sprawling mythology that even included a past story arc set in Northern Ireland. But the saga centres on this family trio: Jax (Charlie Hunnam), his mother, Gemma (Katey Sagal), and her husband, Clay (Ron Perlman), once the club's president.
- More recently, Jax has seized the throne from Clay, his stepfather. This has set in motion a Shakespearean-like battle for power that seems sure to end with one of them slaying the other.
- Meanwhile, Jax is strategizing how to move the club into more legitimate pursuits. But as he readily admitted on last week's episode, any path of reform "is gonna be bloody, bro."

its members do business in drugs, porn and gunrunning while they grapple with rival gangs, shifting alliances and, of course, the law.

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Grant Bowler mum on working with Lindsay Lohan on Liz Taylor movie

Liz & Dick. Actor who portrays Richard Burton in Lifetime movie only 'speaks for himself'

DOROTHY ROBINSON

Metro World News in New York

Look, you can't interview Grant Bowler, the star of the much-publicized Lifetime Original Movie *Liz & Dick* airing Sunday, without asking him about his infamous co-star, Lindsay Lohan.

Well, you can ask — but he won't really answer. "I speak for myself," he says when asked what it was like to work with Lohan. "Oh, you know. [Heavy sigh] I don't know. It's well, you know."

No, we don't. Care to elaborate? What about all the attention the film is receiving due to it featuring Lohan's first starring role in five years?

"Yeah, I think at the moment, with the film coming out ... rah, rah, rah," he says, trailing off to dead silence.

Rah, rah, rah, indeed. Luckily, Bowler — who tackles the daunting challenge of portraying famed actor Richard Burton and his tumultuous, iconic love affair with screen siren Elizabeth Taylor — was much more eloquent in talking about his role.



Liz & Dick has been getting plenty of press because of its infamous leading lady, Lindsay Lohan. HANDOUT

"There are so many downsides to playing a famous actor," he says. "If you're an actor and you play a famous tennis player, you're not going to be compared to them — no one assumes you can play tennis. To play an actor is a treacherous thing to take on. I was concerned about that, and very determined about not doing a poor job representing him. He was a personal icon of mine."

Bowler says he was able to take on Burton "bit by bit. ... I bit him off in chunks," he says.

"We covered so much time — 30 years — so I kind of

started with the major turn- sides to playing a famous actor," he says. "If you're an actor and you play a famous tennis player, you're not going to be compared to them — no one assumes you can play tennis. To play an actor is a treacherous thing to take on. I was concerned about that, and very determined about not doing a poor job representing him. He was a personal icon of mine."

OK, but back to Lohan — really this time. "When you tell any story, you want as many people to listen as possible," he tastefully acquiesces about the amount of publicity given to *Liz & Dick* — even though it might not be the best kind of attention. "It's very, very hard telling a story to an empty room."

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James Tupper stars in *Playing for Keeps*. HANDOUT

On the big or small screen, Tupper is Playing for Keeps

New movie. Actor becomes romantically entangled with Jessica Biel and Gerard Butler in the upcoming feature film

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Handsome, talented and one of TV Guide's Sexiest Stars as well as *Us Weekly's* Sexiest TV Men, actor James Tupper has worked hard to make a name for himself on the big and small screens. He also happens to be a genuinely nice guy, which will likely have moviegoers rooting for him and his character in director Gabriele Muccino's upcoming feature film *Playing for Keeps*. It was Muccino's name that first attracted Tupper to the project.

"Gabriele directed *The Pursuit of Happyness*, and what I liked about the film was that it didn't shy away from showing a young boy growing up in poverty and

Quote

"Everyone involved in the movie was a terrific artist."

James Tupper

its effects on him," says the actor. "Gabriele dealt with that head-on, and although Will Smith's character is a big hero in the film, what he goes through is brutal.

"*Playing for Keeps* is a romantic comedy, but part of it deals with divorce and its impact on children. That fascinated me, so I auditioned for the film, but I thought it went terrible because I didn't hear anything for about three weeks. Then one day I got a call asking if I could fly to Shreveport, La., to shoot the movie and I said, 'Are you kidding? You bet,'" he enthuses.

In *Playing for Keeps*, Matt (Tupper) unknowingly becomes a romantic rival when his fiancé Stacie's (Jessica Biel) ex-husband George (Gerard Butler), a former sports star who has fallen on hard times, comes back into her

life and starts coaching their son's soccer team.

"As is often the case, the heart goes where it wants and the story becomes about everyone trying to be an adult and struggling with adult issues," explains Tupper. "I had a wonderful time because Gabriele never told me to dumb it down. He said, 'You go for it and be the best you can be.' Everyone involved in the movie was a terrific artist, and that made for an amazing (work) experience."

On TV, Tupper recently played the recurring role of David Clarke in the hit series *Revenge*. Currently, the actor is shooting executive producer Jerry Bruckheimer's new pilot, *Secret Lives of Husband and Wives*.

"It's the story of these suburban couples who are living seemingly normal lives, but then a surprising and violent event shakes up their world," he says. "Everyone isn't quite who they appear to be and I'm hoping that audiences will enjoy finding out what's going on with these characters."

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Why does Rob Lowe still look so young?

Beauty and Grooming Awards. The actor credits makeup artists, active living and hints at something in the works

JANINE FALCON
Metro World News

Rob Lowe has a certain genetic advantage when it comes to handsomeness.

But lots of handsome actors have aged less well than he has.

In fact, Lowe, whose filmography includes *St. Elmo's Fire*, *The West Wing* and currently *Parks and Recreation*, seems to have hardly aged at all. So when he was in Toronto to host the Fourth Annual P&G Beauty and Grooming Awards on Nov. 19, Metro asked him straight out why he looks so good.

Is skin care important to you?

Whereas most guys don't want to deal with moisturizers or sunblock — the most rudimentary basic stuff —



Rob Lowe has perfected the look of aging gracefully. GETTY IMAGES

I have forever because it's part of my job and people are doing it for me (on set). My wife (Sheryl Berkoff) is a tremendously talented and accomplished makeup artist. I've been around her enough to learn from her.

A lot of it is how you live

your life. The inside comes to the outside, so being active is a big part of it.

Staying interested in the world, staying relevant — all the stuff you need to do to have a career anyway in my business also helps you continue to be vital. That

reads outwardly.

Do you have specific grooming tips from Sheryl?

I do — I have a top secret project that I'm working on, and I have very specific answers to that. And all will be revealed, but I can't do it

Quote

"A lot of it is how you live your life"

Rob Lowe

On how he has kept his youthful good looks over the years

right now. It's a subject I'm very, very interested in, and I think it's important for men today to get with the program.

The market in grooming is huge and growing and for good reason. It's just the latest manifestation of all personal growth that guys are trying to do.

They're trying to be better in every area of life, trying to live longer, to know more, to have better jobs, make their relationships better, so why wouldn't you physically also want to make yourself look as good as you can?

You play a health nut on *Parks and Recreation*. How much of that is part of your everyday life?

I've always been really, really physical. If I have time, I do something every day, whether it's swimming

or surfing or tennis.

If I don't do it, I just don't feel good.

It's something I really enjoy, and I've been doing that since *The Outsiders*.

I wish I could be as healthy as my character, Chris Traeger. I'm a health enthusiast, not a health fascist.

I have teenage boys at home. Eleven o'clock rolls around and that pizza is getting delivered, you need a stronger man than I to say no.

You have great hair; do you do anything special?

I'm a freak about haircuts. There's nothing better than a good haircut. It's like a great suit — it's not about the suit, it's about the tailoring. So it's not about how much hair you have or don't have or where it is, it's how it's cut. There are guys with no hair that look amazing, and guys with a lot of hair that look terrible.

I can't spend time on it. Most guys are like that. We don't want a hassle.

We want to do as little work as we can for maximum gain. By the way, that's true in every area of my life.

Chris Colfer. Taking the next step with a film he wrote and stars in

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Golden-Globe-winning actor. New York Times best-selling author. Named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People. Not bad for a 22-year-old. And now Chris Colfer is stepping up his game with *Struck by Lightning*, a film he wrote in high school and stars in, due out in January. It's also the title of Colfer's second novel, out Tuesday, written as the journal of the film's main character, Carson Phillips.

Turning a screenplay into a book seems like kind of a backward adaptation.

Oh, it totally was. It was really a very unique process. I wrote the screenplay, and the way the screenplay is formatted compared to the way the movie was edited is completely different. There are many scenes that were cut — well, there were many scenes that had to be cut because we couldn't afford to film them.

How do you want readers to experience the book as opposed to those seeing the movie?

The journal takes place over the course of his last few months alive and the movie takes place back and forth



Chris Colfer wrote and stars in *Struck by Lightning*. GETTY IMAGES

between his life and after his death. So I think the journal offers an inside look into everything that was going on in his head at the time — pursuing his goals and blackmailing his peers.

About that blackmailing: Did you worry about including dark material

like that, considering the stances you've taken on causes like bullying and gay rights?

Not really. Everyone really has me on a very big role-model pedestal. But they forget that before I was a role model thanks to *Glee*, I was an actor. I don't think I'm ever going to worry about material that I create or portray that might affect my role model status. I'm always very cautious about things I say in interviews and how I present myself, but I don't think I'll ever be persuaded not to do a project or not write because I'm worried that people might think less of me.

Your resumé is quite impressive, as you're only 22 years old. Do you know something that the rest of us don't about how much time we have left?

No ... (laughs). And I swear to God, I don't have people helping me. I write everything authentically myself and by myself, and I don't really like working with other people. I don't think I can be creative with someone else. But I think it's just drive. I've always had this burning need to be a storyteller. Ever since I was a kid, it's what I love to do the most — create worlds and create characters.

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Director Oliver Stone GETTY IMAGE

Noble tradition: Stone's new series to 'let the juicy stuff out' of American history

The Untold History of the United States.

Controversial, talented director pairs up with professor to give alternate view of past

Oliver Stone has never been shy about ruffling feathers with his take on real-life events.

From J.F.K. and Nixon, to Salvador and W, Stone has challenged the history taught in schoolbooks. His latest project, *The Untold History of the United States*, a 10-part series on the premium Showtime network, explores more facts he feels were suppressed, with new takes on the atomic bombing of Japan, the Cold War and the fall of Communism.

To maintain accuracy throughout the series, Stone partnered with Peter Kuznick, a history professor at American University. Kuznick was no stranger to Stone, having used Stone's films for years to provide perspective for his students. Both he and Stone feel history is often written with a happy ending. Recently, Stone spoke to the Associated Press about the issues tackled in the series, the companion book, and his take on the General Petraeus scandal.

AP: What drives you to cover historical events with your own perspective?

This is a noble tradition. Sometimes it's funny that it sounds as if it's an illegitimate tradition, but it goes back — the Greeks did plays about ancient rulers. Shakespeare did a huge amount of plays about history. Some of them were more accurate than others, there's no question.

But you take a fair share of criticism?

I've never, ever by my own standard of ethics violated the trust of my audience by saying something that I knew to be false. I may have made some mistakes, but never did it on purpose, ever. I've been so tired of defending myself. It's become silly. ... (For this project) we've had three fact checks. There's a book. Sourcing is included, footnotes. The facts are indisputable. The interpretation is disputable, but at least the facts are there.

Why do people resist changes to the history we've learned?

We have told a coherent narrative that begins in 1900 and we've taken the darker view of the U.S. actions because I do believe in the U.S. textbooks that the kids learn there's a process by which things get sanitized out. The horror stories. The bad stuff, because kids love that and it's interesting that we're doing the opposite. Instead of giving them some horror stories, we tell them everything works out well in the end. ... I think my theory is they don't enjoy history, they don't like to study it because they know the ending and know it's going to be some sappy story the teacher tells them about how the U.S. does good in the end and that's sort of the trick, you see. We're going back and say(ing), "Let the juicy stuff out."

Give me an example?

Very few people know about how strong the English empire was going into World War II. (Franklin Delano) Roosevelt had a suspicion of the English empire and he was trying to balance the Soviet interests with American interests as well as British interests. He didn't want to be taken for a ride and save England to have England re-colonize the world, which is what they did.

There's new history being written with the General Petraeus scandal. What are your thoughts?

Frankly, it's not a big concern of mine. It's done. He's out. But it's sold again as a media-hyped narrative of a soap opera of a military hero, so-called, falling for a beautiful woman and being betrayed, and so forth, and he falls from stardom. Great story. The truth is that it's like a Shakespeare drama. Petraeus was never a hero. If the media had used the same investigative skills that they are using on this sordid sex affair, they would have found out that Petraeus was not what he seemed to be. He was not in combat. His genius in writing about counter-insurgency was to point out essentially that we use the journalists to control perception, because perception is more important than reality.

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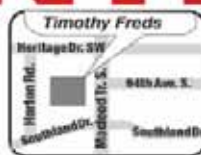
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Mr. Frosty Man/Sufjan Stevens

Indie darling Sufjan Stevens spends an unhealthy amount of time writing Christmas songs. Mr. Frosty Man features a Claymation video that involves a rampaging snowman and, er, zombies.

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Christmas in a Chinese Restaurant/Diamond Rings

Not to be confused with the Canadian singer of the same name. This is a temporary group featuring members of Black Lips, Los Lobos and Deer Tick. It's sad.

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Christmas at the Donut Shop/Barlow

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Jimi Hendrix's new experience

A new Jimi Hendrix album is coming March 5.

The musician's website says People, Hell and Angels contains 12 previously unreleased tracks recorded in 1968 and '69.

Rolling Stone revealed the album cover on its website Wednesday.

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Mayim Bialik

Big Bang's Mayim Bialik announces divorce from Michael Stone

Mayim Bialik and husband Michael Stone are divorcing after nine years of marriage and two children, the actress announced in a blog post on parenting site Kveller this week. "After much consideration and soul-searching,

Michael and I have arrived at the decision to divorce due to 'irreconcilable differences,'" the Blossom and Big Bang Theory star writes. "Divorce is terribly sad, painful and incomprehensible for children. It is not something we have decided lightly."



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The Word



Bieber and Gomez trying to iron out kinks in relationship



THE WORD

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Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez are actually back together and trying desperately to make their relationship work amid all the public scrutiny, a source close to the pair tells Radar Online. "The

problem between them stemmed from Justin texting other girls," the source explains. "Selena is embarrassed by what he did because it makes her look stupid, that he would talk to these other girls, and she is also embarrassed that everyone is so invested in their relationship now because of his actions." And as for their dinner date in L.A. last week that ended with Gomez storming out? "There was no blow-up," the source says. "Selena is just super-embarrassed by all of this attention, and she got upset when they sat down and people were staring and pulling out their cellphones."



Taylor Swift ALL PHOTOS GETTY

Swift flirtations from Taylor and Harry Styles

As rumours emerge that Taylor Swift and One Direction member Harry Styles are dating, new details are coming out about their flirt-filled meeting at an X Factor rehearsal earlier this month. "They lit up when they saw each other," a source tells Us Weekly, add-

ing that the pair spent most of the day together and that Swift "was a puppy dog" with Styles. And after being spotted walking hand-in-hand on set, the boy band star opted for a dramatic exit: "Harry picked her up and carried her to the trailer," the source says.



Kristen Stewart

Craig (eventually) gives Stewart Bond girl blessing

When asked at the Breaking Dawn — Part 2 premiere if she'd be interested in playing a Bond girl, Twilight star Kristen Stewart gave an emphatic, "Yes, hell yeah!" But not so fast, young lady. You have to get by Daniel Craig first. "No, she's in Twilight," Craig says during an interview in Australia with biting disdain in his voice,

when asked about the idea. But he quickly laughed off his rancor, clarifying, "I've no problem with Kristen Stewart, I'm being nasty. I'm only saying that because (Breaking Dawn — Part 2) is coming out this weekend. We're in direct competition with them. And I'm sure she'd make a great Bond girl."

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1. Heat the oven to 500 F. Lightly coat a baking sheet with cooking spray.

2. In a small bowl, mix together the butter and maple sugar until well blended. Set aside.

3. On a lightly floured surface, carefully roll out the pizza dough to about a 14-inch circle. You may need to use your hands to stretch the

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp butter, softened
- 3 tbsp granulated maple sugar
- 20-oz ball prepared pizza dough, room temperature
- 1 cup grated mozzarella cheese
- 12 oz bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 8-oz ball fresh mozzarella, sliced



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

dough if rolling alone doesn't work. Transfer the dough to the prepared baking sheet.

4. Sprinkle grated mozzarella cheese evenly over the dough. Top the mozzarella with the bacon, distributing

it evenly over the pizza. Arrange the slices of fresh mozzarella over the bacon. Using 2 spoons, scoop and dollop the maple sugar butter evenly over the pizza. The dollops do not need to be spread; they will melt in the oven.

5. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until the crust is puffed and browned and the cheese at the centre of the pizza is lightly browned. Let the pizza rest for 5 minutes before slicing.

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Liquid Assets

A hint of Canadiana



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Time sure flies when you're sniffing, sipping and spitting (well, mostly) to please readers. I should know. This is my 200th Liquid Assets column for Metro.



I'm not the only one acknowledging a major milestone this weekend. On Sunday, The Grey Cup is raising a glass in celebration of a century of guys tossing a football back and forth.

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A creepy complement to the exhibition Fairy Tales, Monsters and the Genetic Imagination, join Pivot at Glenbow Museum for Melancholy and the Macabra. Back by popular demand, the University of Calgary's Dr. David Bershad will lead this enlightening discussion that looks at the more ghoulish side of art history. To purchase a ticket email pivot@glenbow.org



Christmas Market —Spruce Meadows

Ready to get in the holiday spirit? Head to Spruce Meadows for the International Christmas Market Friday through Sunday and discover a magical world of scents, colours and lights. Check out the indoor market which features 200 vendors, or head outside for the outdoor courtyard which features additional vendors and fire pits to warm your toes and holiday entertainment. Take a break to catch a variety of choir and instrumental performances, dance displays, and over 74 km of Christmas lights strung around the grounds.



Catch the Elves 5km and 8km Walk/ Run

On Saturday, join other runners for the 9th Annual Catch the Elves Walk/ Run to support Muscular Dystrophy. This disorder makes your mind say GO but your muscles say STOP, and effects over 50,000 Canadians. Being held at Eau Claire Market it starts at 10 am. Participate in the walk or run or just stop by for the silent auction, food, and fun.



Kinnear Centre Gala

Get in the tartan spirit for the Kinnear Centre Gala on Wednesday, celebrating Canada's Creativity & Innovation. This Black Tie or Kilt Gala is taking place at the Hyatt Regency. Support the Banff Centre's Kinnear Centre for Creativity & Innovation, as you enjoy a silent auction, reception and live concert. To purchase tickets head to kinnearfinancial.com/GALA



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Get in touch with your creative side this holiday season with a brand new camera.

Whether you are planning on simply updating your Facebook profile picture or blackmailing the neighbour with some racy photos, there's a camera out there to suit everyone's needs. Take a look at these fun photo gift ideas.

Nikon D7000 (body only) — \$849

This 16.2-megapixel DSLR camera is ideal for the professional photographer on your list. With a 0.13-second startup and 50ms shutter lag, this powerhouse is ready to go when you are. The D7000 is capable of shooting six frames per second for up to 100 shots, and can be used to record full 1080p video with autofocus. Re-lenses cost extra.

Panasonic Lumix DMC-ZS20 — \$349

A user-friendly entry level camera with incredible zoom capabilities. Despite its shallow body, this 14-megapixel camera comes equipped with a wide-angle 20X optical zoom lens. Seventeen scene

modes ensure you get the best picture under any lighting condition, while semi-manual and manual modes are there for those who like to tinker. If you are feeling really creative you can snap 3-D photos, which can be fun if you own a 3-D TV.

Olympus Tough TG-1 iHS — \$399

It's one of the most rugged cameras on the market. Shockproof, freeze-proof, dust-proof; you can take photos in the most extreme conditions, even 40 feet under water. Tired of shooting still photos? Turn this 12-megapixel camera into a camcorder and shoot 1080p HD video. The camera is also equipped with GPS, so location and landmark information will be recorded with every image you snap.

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unique looking camera records the entire light field so you can refocus a picture even after it has been taken. Post a picture online and watch as your friends explore your photos by changing the focal point. There's no other camera like it.

Epson Stylus Pro 3880 Inkjet Printer — \$1,020

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iPhone Shutter Remote — \$40

Take photos on your iPhone from up to 30 feet away. This neat little remote controls your smartphone via Bluetooth so you will never miss being in a picture ever again. Works with iPod Touch, iPad, and even the new iPhone 5.

Jelly Camera Phone Filters — \$15

These tiny key-chain sized lenses add cool effects to the photos you snap on your smartphone. Choose from starburst, kaleidoscope or wide angle. Each lens sticks to your phone with a gummy ring, which is reusable. They also come with keychain loops so you can hook them onto practically anything.



Clockwise, from right, iPhone Shutter Remote — \$40, Panasonic Lumix DMC-ZS20 — \$349, Lytro — \$399.99, Olympus Tough TG-1 iHS — \$399.



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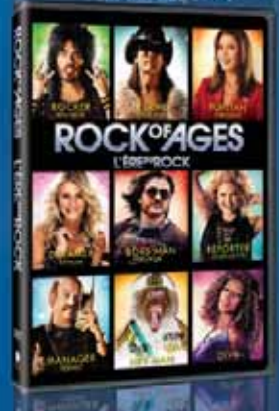
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This year, don't blow the holiday budget

Shopping. Helpful tips so you won't break the bank when out searching for gifts



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Here are 10 ways we blow our budgets, and tips on how to avoid it.

Budget? What budget?

The holidays are fun but can be expensive too, says Mike Henry, Scotiabank's senior vice-president of retail payments, deposits and lending. "Plan ahead for the extra spending by budgeting a certain amount." Decide who you're going to buy for and how much you can spend.

Budget for gifts only

Don't forget to include entertaining and other holiday expenses such as outside lights, postage costs and wrapping paper in your budget.

Guess that everyone will love the gift you choose

Research ahead of time (ask friends and family) so that

you have a good idea of what each person might like. When you're at a complete loss, gift cards are great, says Cathie Mostowyk, president, Shoestring Shopping Guide.

Worry about having to buy for everyone

Consider exchanging names in your family so you are buying one great gift rather than several. Or go in together as a group to buy a large item for someone.

Wander around a mall for ideas

That's usually a waste of time, says Mostowyk. Research gift ideas and stores so you know what to buy ahead of time.

Bring kids when you shop

Shop by yourself so you stay focused. Leave the coat in the car and take a bottle of water, says Mostowyk.

Buy all the gifts you give

Get creative, says Stephanie Holmes-Winton, CEO of themoneyfinder.ca and a member of Advocis, the Financial Advisors Association of Canada. Wrap up all the ingredients for Christmas cookies along with the recipe. Or make the cookies your-

Did you know?

- A lot of women try to give what they think is proportionate to how much they love somebody, says Stephanie Holmes-Winton, but you can't always afford that.
- Research shows that Canadians on average will spend about \$300 per month on unplanned spending, says Mike Henry. Have a holiday fund and stick to it.

self and wrap them up for a ready-to-eat treat.

Charge everything

Holmes-Winton suggests some people might do better to withdraw the cash they have budgeted for the holidays because "you pay more attention when you are handing over real money." If that's not realistic, create a separate account for holiday spending.

Save points for another time

Using debit and credit cards that can earn rewards and



Devise a plan before you go holiday shopping so you won't go over budget. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

stretch your dollar is a great way to get the most out of big shopping season, says Henry. "You might even be able to use points you've built up through the year on

gift cards, travel or merchandise."

Lose track of spending

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online or mobile banking, says Henry. Use services such as Scotiabank's InfoAlert, which sends a text or email when your balance goes below a certain amount.

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Gifts from the heart, such as Cinnamon Cookie Ornaments, are usually treasured most. THINKSTOCK IMAGES/COMSTOCK/THINKSTOCK

Gifts made in the kitchen

From the heart. Cinnamon Cookie Ornaments will be remembered for long after the holidays



KAREN HUMPHREY
YummyMummyClub.ca

There's something about Christmas that brings out my inner craft maven. Whenever the holidays roll around, I break out the glue gun or begin looking for something to create in my kitchen and share with people.

No matter how small or simple, it's always the gifts from the heart that I have treasured most. You can involve the kids and give them a sense of ownership over their gift giving by setting aside an afternoon and baking up some cookie ornaments for a friend.

Include a card and tie with a pretty ribbon — you have a gift to remember for long after the holiday ends.

Cinnamon Cookie Ornaments

These ornaments have been a favourite in our house for years, and if handled carefully, can last for a very long time. These are best for older teens to help you make, as they are pretty fragile.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup cinnamon
- ¾ cup applesauce
- ¼ cup white glue

- a glue gun
- drinking straw
- pompoms, buttons, puffy textured paint, ribbon

Instructions:

Mix the ingredients together to form dough. Turn out onto a cinnamon dusted surface and knead, then roll out to about ¼- to ½-inch thickness.

Cut with cookie cutters. I allowed mine to dry on wire baking cooling racks for a few days. To put a hole in the top, just cut one by pressing the straw through the dough in the desired spot.

If you choose to let them dry on a metal rack, the underside might be "stained" from the metal.

When they are fully dried, decorate by using a hot glue gun to attach small pompoms or ribbon, and try puffy textured paint-like icing for noses and eyes.

Gingerbread man shapes really work well with this because they look like real cookies and then smell nice, too.

NOTE: These are fairly fragile decorations, and if dropped or handled roughly they will break, much like cookies.

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Gingerbread shapes work well as ornaments. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

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Celebrate the season by wrapping up something nice for your four-legged friends! Here are lots of great ideas.

Give to Animals in Need – Fido will Approve

Giving time or money to a shelter or another worthy animal cause is a wonderful gift. Contact pet shelters near you or make a donation to an animal charity. Here are a few ideas: the World Society for the Protection of Animals (wspa.ca); Canadian Dachshund Rescue (weinerdogrescue.com); The Humane Society of Canada (humane-society.com).

Homemade You Say

Pet Network show producer Jen Mitchell Oddi provides this recipe for yummy Elvis Dog Treats that features what else but peanut butter and banana, which the King himself loved (see the recipe box on this page.) For the favourite pooch in your life, wrap up half a dozen and put them under the tree on Christmas morning. Find more recipes at her blog, mydogs-breakfast.com.

'Catch The Mouse' Cat Game

Turn your iPad into a cat toy? While it sounds a little crazy, it's actually great fun for cats

and their owners. This game features a cute little orange mouse that runs around the screen. There are sound effects (the mouse squeaks) and if you don't like an orange mouse on black, change the colour of the background or the mouse. The app costs 99 cents at itunes.apple.com/ca/app/catch-the-mouse-cat-game/id423287711?mt=8

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- 1 banana
- ¾ cup peanut butter
- 1 cup water
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 4 cups rye or whole wheat flour

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Mash the banana in a large mixing bowl. Add peanut butter and water, and mix well.
- Add baking powder and flour, a bit at a time, mixing until combined. If dough is

still a bit wet, add flour until your fingers don't stick to it.

- Knead until you have a smooth ball. Roll in parchment or plastic wrap and cool in fridge for 30 minutes.
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Roll dough out onto a lightly floured surface to 1/8th - ¼ inch thick. Cut into squares (or use a dog bone cookie cutter) and bake for 20 minutes.
- These treats keep for three to five days in the fridge or you can freeze them.

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DVDs, Blu-rays and box sets — Oh my!



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Whether it's for that special someone or to round out your own collection, Blu-rays and DVDs are always a wise choice come holiday season. Let's face it: Who's about to pass on hours of entertainment from the comfort of the family sofa?

At that, there are a multitude of films, documentaries and television series releases at this time of year. A few options:

Dark Knight Rises (Warner Home Video)

Eight years after his last tussle with The Joker, we find Bat-



man up against a new nemesis. Garnering plenty of acclaim, this action flick's home video release finds the Blu-ray treated to a 1080p transfer with 5.1 DTS-HD Master Audio, an hour's worth of IMAX footage and more. The DVD will feature an anamorphic widescreen presentation, 5.1 Dolby Digital audio, an UltraViolet copy of the film and The Journey of Bruce Wayne featurette.



Ted (Universal)

Easily one of the year's more surprising — if not altogether shocking — movies, Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane's Ted focuses on a "foul-mouthed, hard-partying teddy bear and his 35-year-old best friend." Starring the likes of Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis and Giovanni Ribisi, it's no wonder Ted was No. 1 at the box office. Combining the Blu-ray, DVD, digital and UltraViolet versions along with extras such as a gag reel, deleted scenes, making-of featurettes, a commentary and more, it might be raunchy but it's quite rousing.



Seeking A Friend For The End Of The World (Focus Features)

A touch oddball but entirely endearing, this rom-com starring Steve Carell and Keira Knightley is a perfect reason to pull that loved one closer. Realizing he is alone at the end of the world, Carell searches out his estranged wife with the assistance of a neighbour. Interestingly, her good intentions turn into a rather large monkey wrench.

Bond 50: Celebrating Five Decades of James Bond (MGM)

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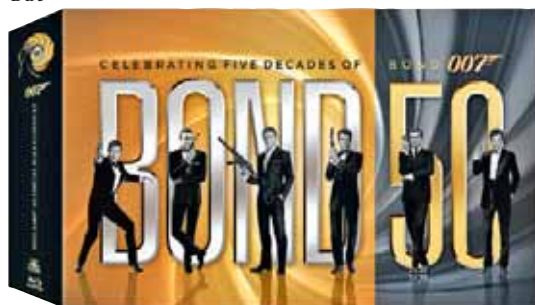


The Simpsons Season 15 (20th Century Fox Home Entertainment)

Need something a little lighter on the brain but no less entertaining? The family known to every corner of the globe issues its 15th season just in time for, well, wasting time. Initially airing circa 2003, this release is packed with 22 episodes over four discs and a plethora of extras including deleted scenes, featurettes and Blu-ray-only extra episodes.

ParaNorman (Alliance)

In this animated feature, a small town is overrun with zombies. It's up to geeky local boy Norman to save everyone. Able to converse with the dead, it's his task to eliminate the hordes of ghosts, witches and the like. Packed with a Blu-ray, DVD and Digital copy — all relayed in 3-D — it's a fun flick for the whole family.



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Downloading is clearly a fast and easy means of garnering the latest, greatest pieces of aural majesty.

Still, when it comes to festive times, no credit card-sized gift certificate offering musical megabytes comes close to stuffing a stocking or stirring excitement quite like a tangible CD or box set. It's with this means of piling up presents under the tree that we offer some suggestions for sating melodic enthusiasts.

For most people, folk rock tends to be a rather safe bet and who better to place odds on than Canucks Great Big Sea? Issuing their XX (Warner) box set just in time for the holidays, the package showcases two albums (Rogue Waves and CBC Key Note) as well as the Meet Great Big Sea DVD, 104-page bound book, calendar, two posters, two lyric sheets, postcard, souvenir laminates and stickers.

For a little more twang, country folk fans might appreciate Toby Keith's latest Hope On The Rocks (Universal). To go the extra mile, try the deluxe edition featuring

remixes and live versions of tracks. Overall, it's an album the artist himself wryly described to Billboard Magazine as "the same stuff I usually do." Now there's a sales point.

Tipping one's hat to the essence of soul, chanteuse Bettye LaVette's latest work Thankful N' Thoughtful (ANTI) has kicked up plenty of smoke in its mere two-plus months on the shelves. Then again, with 50 years in the business, LaVette knows her way around a solid tune.

Some other gents

with their own aesthetic marvel and lengthy time belting out blues-fuelled ditties, ZZ Top issue their first full-length in nine years. Dubbed La Futura (American), it's packed with that self-proclaimed "Little Ol' Band From Texas" at its finest.

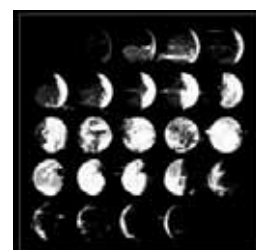
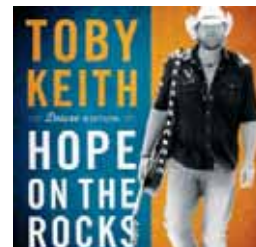
Speaking of finest, national treasure Neil Young assembles his beloved Crazy Horse crew for Psychedelic Pill (Warner), their first onslaught of warble-throated originals in a full-on decade. With nine tracks clocking in at 85 minutes, it's sure to satisfy even the most diehard Young freak.

For something far more upbeat, consider positively charged anthem-rock vocalist Andrew W.K.'s 10th anniversary

edition of legendary debut I Get Wet (Century Media). Available in three versions, its features range from a simple double CD to two-album gatefold LP boasting bonus tracks and 20-page full-colour booklet. For devout fans, there's even a 500-copy limited collectors edition replete with autographed booklet and either a lock of W.K.'s hair, a piece of his signature white jeans or an autographed plane ticket from his 2012 world tour.

Those looking to tide over the more anodized music fans on their gift lists would do well to check out metal-lions As I Lay Dying's sixth studio effort Awakened (Metal Blade) as an option. Peaking at No. 11 on the Billboard charts, it clearly hasn't steered many headbangers wrong.

Finally, as the lines between punk rock and heavy metal become further blurred, hardcore mainstays Converge shatter all previous expectations via latest Epitaph Records release All We Love We Leave Behind. Thick, pummelling and vicious, it's the perfect onslaught of barbed brawn for any brawny music buff.



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AS USUAL, IT'S A TALE OF TWO QUARTERBACKS



CFL EXTRA POINTS
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Calgary at Toronto, Sunday, 4:30 p.m. (TSN)

It should be no surprise that in a quarterback-driven league, the biggest story heading into the 100th Grey Cup game on Sunday is the remarkable twists of fate experienced by the two starting passers.

Calgary's Kevin Glenn and Toronto's Ricky Ray couldn't have imagined their current status a year ago.

Last November, Glenn, entrenched as the starter in Hamilton, had just led his Ticats to a triumph over Montreal and into the East final. Ray, seemingly untouchable as a legend in Edmonton, was expected to play out his career

as an Eskimo.

Fast-forward to today and Glenn has emerged as the Stampeders' surprising playoff leader and hero heading into the Grey Cup Sunday at Rogers Centre in Toronto. Ray, swapped by then-Esks GM Eric Tillman for little more than a handful of magic beans, is suddenly tasked with leading the Argos in their first "home" Grey Cup in 20 years.

The trade was so one-sided, some CFL followers



still believe the Ray transaction was orchestrated by the league to help the Argos compete for the centennial Grey Cup at home. Conspiracy theorists also suggest the trade was made to appease Argos owner David Braley, who also holds the purse strings in Vancouver and may have saved both teams (and the league) from extinction.

Ray is also expected to stoke the dying embers of CFL enthusiasm in Toronto, where the fan base would apparently prefer to attend a Buffalo Bills pre-season game than cheer on the Argos, North America's oldest football franchise.

While Ray is a former Grey

Cup champ as an Eskimo, Glenn's closest brush with the title occurred in the 2007 East final. Despite winning the game, Glenn suffered a broken arm and was sidelined for the championship game.

No matter who wins Sunday, the 2012 Grey Cup championships will be led by a quarterback whose story will dominate the headlines Monday morning.

Season series: The Argos won both matchups this season, 39-36 at home in Week 2 and 22-14 at McMahon. The Week 2 contest in Toronto saw Stamps

starter Drew Tate sidelined for the rest of the regular season with a dislocated shoulder. The Argos have won five consecutive games against the Stamps dating back to 2010.

Grey Cup history: This will mark the third Grey Cup meeting between the two franchises. Calgary slipped past Toronto 14-11 in the 1971 cup, best remembered for the Leon McQuay fumble. Toronto captured a 36-21 win in the 1991 contest at Winnipeg, one of the coldest Grey Cups on record.

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Stamps in the Grey Cup

Since the league was formed in 1909, the Calgary Stampeders have participated in 12 Grey Cup championships and have won half of them.

1948: The Calgary Stampeders won their first Grey Cup against the Ottawa Rough Riders 24-17.

1949: The following year, the Stamps lost 28-15 to the Montreal Alouettes at Varsity Stadium in Toronto.

1968: After a near 20-year absence from the Grey Cup game, the Stampeders made it to the championship only to lose against the Ottawa Rough Riders 24-21.

1970: In a surprising win for the Montreal Alouettes, the Calgary Stampeders were defeated 23-10. According to CFL.ca, Stamps head coach Jim Duncan called the field conditions in Toronto a "disgrace."

1971: For the first time since their 1948 Grey Cup win, the Stamps brought the trophy back to Cowtown once again after a 14-11 win over the Toronto Argonauts in Vancouver.

1991: The Stampeders wouldn't make it to the 'ship for another 20 years after their 1971 victory. They were bested in the 1991 game against the

Argos 36-21.

1992: For a second year in a row, the Calgary Stampeders made it to the Grey Cup and regained the title, beating the Winnipeg Blue Bombers 24-10 at the SkyDome in Toronto.

1995: In a chilly game in Regina, the Stampeders lost 37-20 against the Baltimore Stallions. It was the first time the Grey Cup Championship had been held in Regina.

1998: The Stampeders defeated the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in a tight game. The final score was 26-24.

1999: The Stamps would once again take on the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the 1999 finals, but couldn't hold on to their Grey Cup title. They lost 32-21.

2001: After a rough start to the season, the Stampeders managed to make it to Olympic Stadium to face the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. The CFL's top-ranked Bombers lost to the underdog Stamps 27-19.

2008: The Stamps last brought home the cup in 2008 when Henry Burris led them to a 22-14 victory against the Montreal Alouettes.

INFORMATION SOURCED FROM CFL.CA

Knowing obscure CFL rules can make all the difference

Rare plays. Bennett's defensive two-point conversion key in Stamps' Grey Cup berth



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It was a pivotal play, even if the players weren't sure how many points it was worth.

The Calgary Stampeders made it to the Grey Cup this year thanks in large part to a rare, defensive two-point conversion, which they credited for shifting momentum in their favour during the Western semifinal.

But Fred Bennett, the player who picked up a blocked convert and ran it back across the Saskatchewan Roughriders goal-line, later admitted he had no idea how many points he had just scored.

George Black, the league's former director of officiating, said defensive two-point conversions happen maybe once every three or four years.

And yet, it's just one of sev-



Calgary Stampeders defensive back Fred Bennett, right, knocks a pass away from Toronto Argonauts wide receiver Jason Barnes on July 7 in Toronto. The Stampeders made it to the Grey Cup in part thanks to Bennett's rare defensive two-point conversion in the Western semifinal. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

eral obscure CFL rules that can — on occasion — be a deciding factor in a major game.

Others include:

The dropkick: Like in rugby, Black said it is perfectly legal in the CFL for a player to dropkick the ball at any time during a live-scrimmage play.

That involves letting the ball fall to the ground and then be kicked, usually immediately upon touching the ground.

If the ball goes through the uprights, it's a field goal. If it happens during a conversion attempt, it's a single point.

"The last one that I can remember was a player with the Toronto Argonauts, Jan Carinci, who was the holder on field goals and converts," Black said. "Bad snap. Carinci



picks up the football and drop-kicks it through the uprights for a convert."

That play happened on June 10, 1983.

The tandem buck: This is an illegal manoeuvre where teammates try to give the ball carrier an unfair boost.

Black said the Saskatchewan Roughriders managed to pull off a tandem buck once this season, in a game against the Toronto Argonauts, and get away with it. The officials didn't throw a flag on the play.

"I was embarrassed that we missed it," Black said.

The pyramid: This is where

teammates use one another to build any type of human pyramid in order to block a kick.

"Players cannot jump on a teammate's back to elevate themselves," Black said.

"We don't see it very often, but a couple of years ago there was a young man in Saskatchewan that was an outstanding athlete — great vertical leap — and they came up with a play where he would stand right behind the defensive tackle and, as soon as the ball was snapped ... he would jump up on the shoulders of the defensive tackle and then elevate from there.

"He was able to block a placement kick — a field goal, I think — doing that, and we caught it, because you're not allowed to pyramid."

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Metro publishers toss hats into big game

Celebrating the Grey Cup's 100th anniversary and the rivalry of these two great CFL teams, the publishers of Metro Toronto and Metro Calgary are having a toque fight. The publisher in the losing city promises to wear the winner's toque for a week and to donate a cheque worth 100 times the winning team's score to the other city's food bank (it's the 100th Grey Cup — get it?)



Metro Toronto publisher Bill McDonald. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO IN TORONTO



Metro Calgary publisher Steve ShROUT. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO IN CALGARY

Pre-game trash talk — it's on!

"The Stampeders are good, but the Argo juggernaut cannot be stopped."

Metro Toronto publisher Bill McDonald

"We apologize to Argo fans for the three hours they'll waste on Sunday. Perhaps the time will be better spent cheering for the Blue Jays."

Metro Calgary publisher Steve ShROUT

About face. Mean muggin' for Grey Cup

Professional face and body painter Natasha Kudashkina offers tips on how to paint the Argos or Stampeders logo on your face for game day.

Face paint can come from a dollar store or professional makeup store, but it's best to use soft synthetic brushes and have a medium- and small-sized brush on hand. Painting on cosmetic makeup is fine, but otherwise the face should be clean without sweat, grease or stubble, says Kudashkina.

She cautions that both de-

On the web

To see more of Natasha Kudashkina's work, go to natashadesign.com.

signs are difficult, so it's best to keep a printout of the logo in front of you as a guide and use a Q-tip soaked in makeup remover to erase mistakes.

For detailed steps on painting the two teams' logos, go to metronews.ca.

JESSICA SMITH/METRO IN TORONTO



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Six Grey Cup moments to remember

The championship game has created some wild and memorable moments. Here are six that went down in CFL history:

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2002

Anthony Calvillo hit Ottawa native Pat Woodcock on a record 99-yard TD strike to lead Montreal past Edmonton 25-16 at Commonwealth Stadium. It was the Alouettes' first Grey Cup win since '77 and head coach Don Matthews' record-tying fifth CFL title.

1996

Edmonton receiver Eddie Brown made a sensational catch in snowy conditions against Toronto at Ivor Wynne Stadium. The ball went through Brown's hands and bounced up off his foot. Without missing a step, Brown gained control and went 64 yards for the touchdown. But the Argos won the Snow Bowl by a 43-37 score.



1994

Lui Passaglia's 38-yard field goal with no time showing gave the B.C. Lions a 26-23 win over Baltimore at BC Place. It was the first-ever CFL title game that featured a Canada-U.S. matchup. Passaglia had missed a 37-yard try with 1:02 remaining.

1991

Raghib (Rocket) Ismail had a then-record 87-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to lead Toronto past Calgary 36-21, bringing success to the Argos ownership group that consisted of John Candy, Wayne Gretzky and former L.A. Kings owner

Bruce McNall. Argos quarterback Matt Dunigan played despite a broken collarbone.



1989

Dave Ridgway's 35-yard field goal with two seconds left earned Saskatchewan a wild 43-40 win over Hamilton. Ticats star Tony Champion, who had two touchdowns despite playing with broken ribs, made a brilliant backwards diving grab that tied the score 40-40.

1977

On a hard, icy field at Olympic Stadium, Alouettes players Tony Proudfoot and Wally Buono came up with the idea of using staples on the bottom of the teams' shoes to increase traction. The move worked, as Montreal waltzed past Edmonton 41-6.



Meaty drink. Local bar serving up 'Stampaesars'

"Steak in a glass" is how Stuart Connor describes his Grey Cup-inspired concoction, the Stampaesar.

"It's our take on the Caesar, which was created in Calgary," says Connor, who owns the Oak Tree Tavern in Calgary's trendy Kensington district.

Connor added HP sauce and steak spice to the Caesar's regular blend of Clamato juice, vodka and Tabasco sauce and replaced the usual celery stick with pepperoni.

"It's got some meat, it's got some spice and it's got a good kick, just like the Calgary Stampeders," says Connor, who is throwing a Grey Cup party and autism research fundraiser on Sunday starting at 1 p.m.

Connor doesn't think Toronto bars will be able to come up with anything quite

The Stampaesar

- 12 oz Clamato juice
- 1 or 2 oz vodka
- A dash of Tabasco sauce
- A big squirt of HP sauce
- Steak spice (to rim the glass)
- 1 pepperoni stick



as delicious as the Stampaesar to recognize the Argonauts.

"It'll probably be blue and light and fruity. Not as heavy and meaty and spicy as ours."

For the Argos drink and a recipe for Toronto's wings, go to metronews.ca.

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Stuart Connor with the Stampaesar.
LISA WILTON/METRO

Cowtown Hot Wings: A winning recipe

Chicken, beer and hot sauce. Spice up your Grey Cup party with this tasty dish



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Calgary-based Hotwings.ca reviews chicken wings from across North America, and in its home city the top-rated wings come from Mug Shotz Sports Bar and Grill.

Mug Shotz swears its staff to secrecy over what goes into the bar's gourmet wings, but Hotwings.ca did agree to provide this Cowtown-centric recipe, which they think will blow Torontonians away.

Chicken, beer and hot sauce? How could that be anything but delicious?

Directions:

• Rinse your wings under cold running water and blot dry with paper towels. Cut the tips off the wings and chuck them out. Cut each wing into two pieces through the joint. Place the wings in a large bowl or resealable plastic bag and add the beer. Let the wings marinate for 12 to 24 hours.

• Place the salt, pepper, paprika, chili powder and celery seed in a small bowl and whisk to mix. Set the rub aside.

• Drain the wings in a col-

Ingredients

- 12 chicken wings
- 2 cups wheat beer
- 2 tsp coarse sea salt
- 1 tsp fresh ground black pepper
- 1 tsp sweet paprika
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1/2 tsp celery seed
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 4 tbsp unsalted melted butter
- 1/4 cup red Thai sweet chili sauce or Sriracha sauce
- 1/2 cup hot sauce
- 2 tbsp fresh chopped cilantro
- 1 1/2 cups of wood chips (soaked for one hour in water, then drained)

ander and blot them dry with paper towels; drain the beer. Place the wings in a mixing bowl. Add the rub and toss to coat the wings evenly. Add the olive oil and toss well to mix.

• Set up the grill for indirect grilling and preheat to medium. If using a gas grill, place all the wood chips or chunks in the smoker box or in a smoker pouch and run the grill on high until you see smoke, then reduce the heat to medium. If using a charcoal grill, place a large drip pan in the centre, preheat the grill to medium, then toss all of the wood chips or chunks on the



Charlene Pellerin, owner of Mug Shotz Sports Bar and Grill, and Lorelei Tedeschi, head line cook, show off their Mug Shotz salt-and-pepper wings, one of many gourmet wings they have on the menu for Grey Cup Sunday.
CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

coals.

• When ready to cook, brush and oil the grate. Place the wings in the centre of the hot grate, over the drip pan and away from the heat, and cover the grill. Cook the wings, turning periodically, until the skin is golden brown and crisp, and the meat is cooked

through, 30 to 40 minutes.

• Transfer the wings to a clean shallow serving bowl. Pour the butter, Sriracha and hot sauce over them and stir to mix. Sprinkle the cilantro over the wings, if desired, and serve at once. You'll want to provide plenty of napkins to your guests.

ARGONAUTS



MIKE SPEERS
Metro in Toronto

When the Toronto Argonauts and Calgary Stampeders run out onto the field at Rogers Centre this Sunday, they will not only be playing for themselves, but for the cities they represent. Unfortunately for Stampeders fans, only one of those cities can actually be called "world class."

Toronto is, as we all know, the centre of the universe, which means its football team must be the centre of the CFL universe. And as we

get set for the 100th Grey Cup, and take a look at the history of this great league, is there any doubt who the great Canadian team is?

Argoooooooooooooooooooo!

Now I know the Argos only finished the regular season with a 9-9 record. But all that matters are the two wins over the Stamps this year.

Ricky Ray has been outstanding this post-season, looking like the quarterback Toronto was hoping for when they practically stole him from Edmonton. But the real difference-maker will likely be Toronto's Chad Owens.

He set a pro-football record with his 3,863 all-purpose yards this season, and will be awesome on Sunday.

Any fan who thinks Calgary has a chance on Sunday must have their cowboy hat on too tight.



CHOOSE YOUR SIDE: CITY VS. CITY



STAMPEDERS



WARREN SMITH
Metro in Calgary

Do most Torontonians even know they are hosting the 100th Grey Cup?

As we all know, residents of the Big Smoke barely care about the CFL, as they are obsessed with the pipe dream of one day landing an NFL team.

My question is: Why is the 100th Grey Cup even in Toronto? Any CFL city would have been better, because every other CFL city has more fans.

But let's talk football. Who's going to win? The reality is, it will be a close game.

Calgary was 12-4 during the regular season and lost both games to Toronto, while Toronto was 9-9.

Toronto has Chad Owens and Calgary has Jon Cornish, both of whom have had spectacular years.

Both offences can move the ball and both defences can stop the ball.

They really are evenly matched teams. The game will likely come down to coaching — Scott Milanovich vs. John Hufnagel.

And, as Hufnagel said back in 2008: "Men, we've got them right where we want them!"

I'll put my money on the Stamps.



Stampeders fans getting warm welcome from hosts

Grey Cup. Calgary mascot allowed to parade through Royal York Hotel, invoking tradition from 1948



As Toronto gears up to host Sunday's historic Grey Cup, fans of the Calgary Stampeders are bringing some western flair to the city.

"We're just going to kick up our heels and party it up now," said Brad Greenslade, a member of the Calgary Grey Cup Committee. "We're here to paint this town Calgary!"

Donning Stampeders red and a white cowboy hat, Greenslade says he and the other 60 committee members have been spreading cowboy spirit since they began arriving in the city over the past few days.

And so far, Toronto has embraced it.

On Thursday, the group's chairman trotted a horse named Marty through the front doors of the upscale Fairmont Royal York Hotel as a crowd of cheering fans hooted and chanted, "Go Stamps go!"

Greenslade says the horse stunt brings Calgary luck and he's happy they were able to recreate it for the 100th Grey Cup. The Stampeders will face the hometown Argonauts in the big game Sunday at Rogers Centre.

Earlier in the day, the 15-year-old dark-brown stal-



Marty the Calgary Stampeders horse and his rider Fletcher Armstrong, chair of the Calgary Grey Cup Committee, on Thursday in Toronto.

COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

lion was turned away due to safety concerns.

The hotel rolled out its official red carpet, usually reserved for royalty and heads of states, and even prepared a bucket of apples and carrots for his arrival. But the Royal York stopped short of letting the animal through its front doors.

Hours later, after the Calgary fans took Marty to vari-

Quoted

"Even coming here too, you see fans from all over the place and everybody gives you a high-five."

Michelle Salomons, a Stampeders season-ticket holder from Red Deer, on the camaraderie during Grey Cup festivities in Toronto.

ous spots around the city — including TV stations and an Irish pub for some apples and beer — the Royal York

changed its mind about their four-legged guest.

Also Thursday, the CFL announced it had reached a

compromise with the Stamps about one of their other traditions.

The league says it will allow the team's horse mascot Quick Six and rider Karyn Drake to be on the sidelines during the game, but won't let the animal gallop alongside the field when Calgary scores due to a lack of available space and safety concerns. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

CFL awards

Cornish named top Canadian

A record-breaking season earned Jon Cornish the CFL's top Canadian award.

The six-foot, 217-pound Calgary Stampeders running back received the honour Thursday at the CFL awards banquet.

Montreal Alouettes linebacker Shea Emry was a finalist for the award in voting conducted by the Football Reporters of Canada and the eight CFL head coaches.

Cornish, a native of New Westminster, B.C., was also a finalist for the CFL's outstanding player award, which went to Toronto's Chad Owens.

Cornish led the CFL in rushing with 1,457 yards, becoming the first Canadian to do so since Orville Lee achieved the feat in '88 with Ottawa.

Cornish also broke Norm Kwong's 56-year-old record for most rushing yards in a season by a Canuck of 1,437.

Emry, a native of Richmond, B.C., had a career-best 87 tackles this season with seven sacks with Montreal.

Thursday's other award winners were:

- **Defensive player** — J.C. Sherritt, I.B. Edmonton.
- **Special teams** — Chris Williams, KR/WR, Hamilton.
- **Offensive lineman** — Jovan Olafioye, OL, B.C.
- **Rookie** — Chris Matthews, WR, Winnipeg.

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Jon Cornish
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Michael Amoroso of Jersey City in Chinook Centre has seen a dramatic increase in Stamps-wear sales during the past week. LISA WILTON/METRO

Jerseys in high demand leading up to Sunday

Quoted

"Some people are buying four or five jerseys to send out to friends or family in Toronto."

Michael Amoroso, sales associate at Jersey City

Stampeders jerseys are flying off the shelves of some Calgary shops ahead of Sunday's Grey Cup final.

The official Calgary Stampeders store, located next to the ticket office at McMahon Stadium, has had some of its busiest days ever this week with at least 100 jerseys being sold each day.

"People have been coming in at all times of the day," says Stamps' Store sales rep Bill Baker. "We had people show up at 8 a.m. on Tuesday and had a lineup that snaked around the building for about three hours. It's been wacko."

Sales have also been brisk at Jersey City outlets in town. Michael Amoroso, a sales associate at Jersey City in Chinook Centre, says Stamps supporters have been buying plenty of jerseys, which cost \$109 to \$200.

"Some people are buying four or five jerseys to send out to friends or family in Toronto," he says. "And a lot of people are getting ready for Grey Cup parties as well."

The most popular item at both the Stamps store and Jersey City is undoubtedly Jon Cornish's No. 9 jersey, but Amoroso says he's also been ringing in several T-shirts, hoodies, cowboy hats and other Stampeders paraphernalia through the till.

"Some guys just want to finish off the look with a baseball cap," he says.

LISA WILTON/METRO

Vanier Cup. Two top college football teams prepared to duke it out

For many, it was the greatest Canadian college football game ever played. For Glen Constantin and his Laval Rouge et Or, it was inspirational fuel.

The 47th Vanier Cup in Vancouver, which was played a year ago Sunday, saw the McMaster Marauders defeat Laval 41-38 in double overtime.

The 48th edition goes Friday in Toronto, with the undefeated and No. 1 Marauders facing No. 2 Laval. The crowd is expected to top the record of 32,847 at the 1989 Vanier Cup.

Both teams come in on top

of their game. In the national semifinals last weekend, Rouge et Or clobbered No. 9 Acadia Axemen 42-7 in Quebec City, their CIS-record 58th straight victory at home. This is Laval's fourth appearance in the Vanier Cup in five years, having won in 2010 and 2008.

The Marauders routed the No. 3 Calgary Dinos 45-6, extending their winning streak to a CIS-record 21 straight games. Their last loss was in Week 2 last season, a home-opening 48-21 thumping by the Western Ontario Mustangs. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Blue Jays

Johnson willing to stay beyond 2013

Josh Johnson would be open to signing a contract extension to stay in Toronto beyond the 2013 season, his agent says.

But the Blue Jays have not yet approached him about making such a deal.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Boxing

Boxer 'brain dead' after getting shot

Doctors say famed Puerto Rican boxer Hector (Macho) Camacho is clinically "brain dead" after being shot in the face. The 50-year-old Camacho was shot as he and a friend sat in a Ford Mustang parked outside a bar Tuesday night. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Texans catch a break in 34-31 win over Lions



Detroit Lions strong safety Erik Coleman breaks up a pass for Texans wide receiver Kevin Walter during the third quarter at Ford Field. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NFL. Schwartz makes costly mistake by throwing a challenge, Texans take advantage with game-winning field goal in OT

Jim Schwartz threw a challenge flag when he didn't need to and the Houston Texans made him regret it.

Shayne Graham's 32-yard field goal with 2:21 left in overtime lifted Houston to a 34-31 win over the Detroit Lions on Thursday after their coach broke an NFL rule by attempting to challenge a scoring play.

"Obviously that's a big break in the game for us," Houston coach Gary Kubiak said. "But I think you make your breaks when you work your tail off."

Detroit kicker Jason Hanson had a chance to get Schwartz off the hook, but his 47-yard field-goal attempt on the fifth possession of the extra period hit the right

NFL triple header

Washington beat Dallas 38-31 in their Thanksgiving Day game.

- **RG3.** Robert Griffin III threw for 311 yards and four touchdowns.

- **Nightcap** The AFC East-leading New England Patriots clobbered the N.Y. Jets 49-19 in Thursday's final game.

upright. Lions defensive end Kyle Vanden Bosch did, too, on the previous possession when he couldn't intercept a pass Matt Schaub threw directly at him deep in Houston territory.

Detroit might've won in regulation if its coach hadn't made a costly mistake.

Schwartz threw a challenge flag when Houston's Justin Forsett scored on an 81-yard touchdown run in the third quarter after two Lions tackled him.

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	8	2	.800	—
Miami	9	3	.750	—
Brooklyn	6	4	.600	2
Milwaukee	6	4	.600	2
Charlotte	6	4	.600	2
Atlanta	6	4	.600	2
Philadelphia	7	5	.583	2
Boston	6	6	.500	3
Indiana	6	7	.462	3½
Chicago	5	6	.455	3½
Orlando	4	7	.364	4½
Cleveland	3	8	.273	5½
Toronto	3	9	.250	6
Detroit	2	10	.167	7
Washington	0	10	.000	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	8	2	.800	—
San Antonio	9	3	.750	—
Oklahoma City	9	3	.750	—
L.A. Clippers	8	3	.727	½
Golden State	7	5	.583	2
Dallas	7	6	.538	2½
Denver	6	6	.500	3
Utah	6	6	.500	3
L.A. Lakers	6	6	.500	3
Minnesota	5	5	.500	3
Portland	5	6	.455	3½
Houston	5	7	.417	4
Phoenix	5	7	.417	4
New Orleans	3	7	.300	5
Sacramento	3	8	.273	5½

Wednesday's results

Indiana 115 New Orleans 107, OT
Cleveland 92 Philadelphia 83
Orlando 90 Detroit 74
Charlotte 98 Toronto 97
San Antonio 112 Boston 100
Miami 113 Milwaukee 106, OT
Oklahoma City 117 L.A. Clippers 111, OT
Atlanta 101 Washington 100, OT
Houston 93 Chicago 89
Denver 101 Minnesota 94
Dallas 114 New York 111
Phoenix 114 Portland 87
Sacramento 113 L.A. Lakers 97
Golden State 102 Brooklyn 93

Friday's games — All Times Eastern

Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.

Toronto at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

San Antonio at Indiana, 8 p.m.

New York at Houston, 8 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.

Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.

Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.

New Orleans at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.

Saturday, November 24

Oklahoma City at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 7 p.m.

Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.

Cleveland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Chicago at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.

Utah at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 25

San Antonio at Toronto, 1 p.m.

Detroit at New York, 1 p.m.

Portland at Brooklyn, 3 p.m.

Phoenix at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Boston at Orlando, 6 p.m.

New Orleans at Denver, 8 p.m.

NBA SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	11	102	67	289	26.3
Durant, Okl	11	93	69	270	24.5
Bryant, LAL	12	113	78	327	27.3
Durant, Okl	12	100	88	305	25.4
James, Mia	12	119	43	297	24.8
Harden, Hou	12	91	91	294	24.5
Anthony, NYK	10	86	54	241	24.1
Irving, Cle	10	82	47	229	22.9
Mayo, Dal	13	98	50	288	22.2
Westbrook, Okl	12	89	54	249	20.8
Aldridge, Por	11	89	45	223	20.3
Ellis, Mil	10	78	37	202	20.2
Batum, Por	11	77	35	221	20.1
Gay, Mem	10	77	36	200	20.0
Bosh, Mia	12	88	62	240	20.0
Crawford, LAC	11	71	50	217	19.7
Lillard, Por	11	75	38	214	19.5
Curry, GoS	12	78	49	231	19.3
Pierce, Bos	12	73	64	231	19.3
Howard, LAL	12	83	64	230	19.2
Derozan, Tor	12	85	52	228	19.0
Walker, Cha	10	70	43	188	18.8
Lopez, Bro	10	78	31	187	18.7
Holiday, Phi	12	84	35	221	18.4
Deng, Chi	11	77	38	200	18.2
Duncan, SA	12	83	51	218	18.2
Martin, Okl	12	61	59	214	17.8
Griffin, LAC	11	79	37	195	17.7
Williams, Bro	10	58	44	175	17.5
Bargnani, Tor	12	76	38	209	17.4
Monroe, Det	12	80	44	204	17.0
Jennings, Mil	10	66	21	169	16.9
Randolph, Mem	10	66	35	167	16.7
Sessions, Cha	10	54	50	163	16.3
Anderson, NO	10	63	7	163	16.3
West, Ind	13	86	38	210	16.2
Dragic, Pho	12	66	44	194	16.2
Matthews, Por	11	62	30	177	16.1
Lee, GoS	12	81	30	192	16.0

TRANSACTIONS

NFL

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed PK Graham Gano.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed FB Dominique Jones.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed WR Carlton Mitchell. Signed RB Will Ta'ufo'ou to the practice squad. Released DE Ryan Davis from the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Activated OL Markus Zusevics from the non-football-injury list. Released WR Greg Salas.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed T Jermaine Hardrick to the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed T Selvis Capers from the practice squad and G Stephen Goodin to the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed CB Donnie Fletcher, CB Darrin Walls and WR Jordan White from the practice squad.

ST. LOUIS RAMS — Signed LB Jabara Williams to the practice squad.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Placed LS Mike Windt on injured reserve. Signed LS Kyle Nelson. Signed T Kevin Hughes to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Signed D Mike Commodore to a professional tryout contract.

GOLF

WORLD TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

At Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Par 72

First Round

Luke Donald, England	33-32—65
Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland	35-31—66
Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano, Spain	36-30—66
Marc Warren, Scotland	35-32—67
Lee Westwood, England	35-32—67
Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa	33-34—67
Richie, Ramsay, Scotland	34-33—67
Martin Kaymer, Germany	35-32—67
Fredrik Andersson Hed, Sweden	34-33—67
Padraig Harrington, Ireland	35-32—67
Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium	32-36—68
Justin Rose, England	34-34—68
Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark	34-34—68
Charl Schwartzel, South Africa	34-34—68
Jamie Donaldson, Wales	32-36—68
Scott Jamieson, Scotland	34-34—68
Peter Lawrie, Ireland	34-34—68
Henrik Stenson, Sweden	34-34—68
Stephen Gallacher, Scotland	32-36—68
Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand	32-36—68
Peter Hanson, Sweden	34-35—69
Marcus Fraser, Australia	35-34—69
Branden Grace, South Africa	35-34—69
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	35-34—69
Simon Dyson, England	36-33—69
Raphael Jacquelin, France	34-35—69
Anders Hansen, Denmark	33-36—69
Rafael Cabrera-Bello, Spain	34-36—70
Alexander Noren, Sweden	37-33—70
Michael Hoey, Northern Ireland	33-37—70
Romain Wattelet, France	38-32—70
Thomas Aiken, South Africa	36-34—70
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	35-35—70
Paul Lawrie, Scotland	36-35—71
George Coetzee, South Africa	36-35—71
David Drysdale, Scotland	36-35—71
Victor Dubuisson, France	36-35—71
Chris Wood, England	37-34—71
Jeev Milkha Singh, India	34-37—71
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	34-37—71
Danny Willett, England	36-35—71
Ian Poulter, England	35-37—72
Robert Rock, England	37-35—72
Francesco Molinari, Italy	37-35—72
Berni Wiesberger, Austria	36-36—72
Graeme McDowell, Northern Ireland	34-38—72
Soren Kjeldsen, Denmark	34-38—72
Jbe Kruger, South Africa	35-37—72
Matteo Manassero, Italy	37-36—73
Marcel Siem, Germany	36-37—73
David Lynn, England	39-34—73
Sergio Garcia, Spain	38-35—73
Richard Sterne, South Africa	40-34—74
Lee Slattery, England	38-36—74
Alejandro Canizares, Spain	37-37—74
Richard Finch, England	39-37—76

TENNIS

ATP WORLD TOUR MONEY LEADERS

Final

1. Novak Djokovic	\$12,803,737
2. Roger Federer	\$8,584,842
3. Andy Murray	\$5,708,230
4. Rafael Nadal	\$4,997,448
5. David Ferrer	\$4,409,340
6. Juan Martin del Potro	\$3,031,003
7. Tomas Berdych	\$2,973,967
8. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	\$2,376,640
9. Janko Tipsarevic	\$2,063,737
10. Richard Gasquet	\$1,562,677
11. Juan Monaco	\$1,358,704
12. John Isner	\$1,354,332
13. Radek Stepanek	\$1,345,031
14. Nicolas Almagro	\$1,334,555
15. Milos Raonic	\$1,191,394
Also:	
36. Daniel Nestor	\$696,713

SOCCER

MLS CUP

Saturday, Dec. 1 — All Times Eastern

Houston vs. Los Angeles, 4:30 p.m.

EUROPA LEAGUE

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Home teams listed first

FIRST ROUND

GROUP A

Anzhi Makhachkala 2 Udinese 0

Liverpool 2 Young Boys 2

GROUP B

Academica 1 Viktoria Plzen 1

Atletico Madrid 1 Hapoel Tel Aviv 0

GROUP C

Borussia Moechengladbach 2 AEL Limassol 0

Marseille 0 Fenerbahce 1

GROUP D

Brugge 1 Bordeaux 2

Newcastle 1 Maritimo 1

GROUP E

Molde 1 Copenhagen 2

Steaau Bucharest 1 VfB Stuttgart 5

GROUP F

AIK Stockholm 1 Napoli 2

PSV Eindhoven 1 Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk 2

GROUP G

Basel 3 Sporting Lisbon 0

Videoton 0 Genk 1

GROUP H

Neftci 1 Partizan Belgrade 1

Rubin Kazan 3 Inter Milan 0

GROUP I

Kiryat Shmona vs. Athletic Bilbao, ppd.

Sparta Prague 1 Lyon 1

GROUP J

Lazio 0 Tottenham 0

Panathinaikos 1 Maribor 0

GROUP K

Metalist Kharkiv 2 Bayer Leverkusen 0

Rosenborg 3 Rapid Vienna 2

GROUP L

Hannover 0 Twente 0

Helsingborg 1 Levante 3

CFL

PLAYOFFS

DIVISION FINALS

Sunday's results

EAST DIVISION

Toronto 27 Montreal 20

WEST DIVISION

Calgary 34 B.C. 29

100TH GREY CUP

Sunday's game — All Times Eastern

At Toronto

Toronto vs. Calgary, 6 p.m.

CIS FOOTBALL

48TH VANIER CUP

At Toronto

Friday's game — All Times Eastern

Laval vs. McMaster, 7:30 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	3	0	.727	407	244
N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	221	290
Miami	4	6	0	.400	187	205
Buffalo	4	6	0	.400	230	299

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	10	1	0	.909	327	211
Indianapolis	6	4	0	.600	210	260
Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	219	311
Jacksonville	1	9	0	.100	164	289

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	8	2	0	.800	267	206
Pittsburgh	6	4	0	.600	232	221
Cincinnati	5	5	0	.500	248	237
Cleveland	2	8	0	.200	189	234

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	7	3	0	.700	301	212
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	219	311
Oakland	3	7	0	.300	208	322
Kansas City	1	9	0	.100	152	284

WEEK 12

Thursday's results

Houston 34 Detroit 31, OT

Washington 38 Dallas 31

New England 49 N.Y. Jets 19

Sunday's games — All Times Eastern

Seattle at Miami, 1 p.m.

Oakland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.

Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

AHL

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Mars, your ruler, is at odds with Uranus, planet of surprises, so expect something surprising to happen. Whatever it may be, try not to overreact. You don't want to make a difficult situation even worse.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Let everyone know what you can do today. Blow your own trumpet. The fact of the matter is there are few who can match you for energy or excellence. You have a right to be pleased with yourself.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

There is a danger today that you will act too quickly and make a silly mistake, which could set back your plans by weeks or even months. Check all facts and figures for yourself. Don't be too trusting.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

A partnership problem will only be resolved if you resolve to work for a solution that all sides find fair. It does not matter if you are right and they are wrong, it matters only that everyone is happy.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Mars in the wellbeing area of your chart warns that you must know your limits. Don't push too hard or too fast today, or you may need to spend tomorrow and the weekend recovering from your exertions.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

At some point today, you will have to decide to push ahead with a project without the help of those you had previously counted on. But that's Ok. You don't need them. You're quite capable of getting it done yourself.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Disputes of one kind or another are likely today but that's fine. The air has to be cleared every once in a while and now is as good a time as any. As always, your sense of fair play will see you through.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Don't let anyone talk you out of what you are planning to do. They may say they are trying to save you from disaster but the truth is they don't want to see you succeed. It's called envy. Push on.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There is no point in trying to convince a friend that your way of doing things is best, even though it clearly is, because they don't want to believe you. You will have to do it alone and you'll do better that way.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You need to sit down and draw up a list of priorities. If you don't, you will waste a great deal of time and energy on matters that are of no real importance. Your time is precious. Don't waste it.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Why are you convinced that others want to do you harm? Why do you think you have secret enemies? It's not true. It's just your mind playing tricks on you, so be positive and act as if everyone is your friend.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

It's time to take action. For too long you have been sitting around planning what you are going to do some day. But that day may never come unless you get out and about and make things happen. Do it now. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword

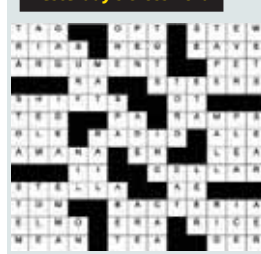
Across

1. Actor Aykroyd
4. Craze
7. Boxing term
11. Operatic solo
13. Inlet
14. Heavenly crown
15. Pocketbook
17. — the season
18. Gone with the Wind actress Olivia — Havilland
19. Candies
22. Steps
26. Plural suffix
27. Royal Ontario Museum (abbr.)
28. Deal — No Deal
30. Witches magic
34. Target
35. Thing of value
37. Foot digit
38. Braid
40. Poet Eliot
41. Baby
42. Talk show host of past (init.)
43. Halloween candies
46. Naps
50. Over achiever (abbr.)
51. Buddy
52. Bring this at mealtime
58. Used in paintings
60. Glee actress — Michele
61. Shoo
62. London bus
63. Sea eagle
64. Time frame

Down

1. Touch up lightly
2. Entourage role
3. Zero
4. To and —
5. Sickly
6. My Two —
7. Saint Helena internet country

Yesterday's Crossword



What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.



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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	3	4	6	7	5	1	9	8
7	8	1	9	4	2	5	6	3
9	6	5	1	8	3	4	2	7
4	5	3	8	6	9	2	7	1
8	9	6	2	1	7	3	4	5
1	2	7	3	5	4	6	8	9
3	4	2	5	9	8	7	1	6
5	1	9	7	2	8	6	3	4
6	7	8	4	3	1	9	5	2

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2	3				7			
9				3			1	7
	6			8		7		
1								5
		2		4			6	
6	5			7				8
			1				4	3
4	2				9			

Weather

TODAY



MAX: 4°
MIN: -9°

SATURDAY



MAX: 2°
MIN: -3°

SUNDAY



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MIN: -7°



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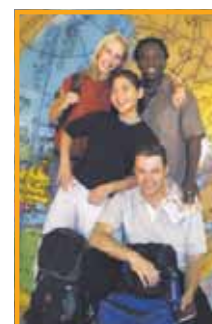
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Northgate Centre – Kiosk
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Sherwood Park Mall
South Edmonton Common
South Park Centre
Southgate Mall – Kiosk
St Albert Trail at 137 Ave
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West Edmonton Mall – Kiosk
Westmount Centre
FORT McMURRAY
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GRANDE PRAIRIE
Prairie Mall
LETHBRIDGE
Centre Village Mall – Kiosk
Lethbridge SmartCentres
Park Place
LLOYDMINSTER
Lloyd Mall
MEDICINE HAT
Carry Drive Plaza
Medicine Hat Mall
PEACE RIVER
10032-100th St
RED DEER
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Southpointe Common
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